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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM -
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS -

Effective immediately, the Bureau is instituting a coordinated Counteriptelligence Program (Cointelpro) directed against Klan-type and hate organizations. Offices receiving copies of this letter are instructed to immediately open an active control file, captioned as above, and to assign responsibility for this program to an experienced and imaginative Special Agent who is well versed in investigation of hate and racist-type organizations and their membership.

The purpose of this program is to expose, disrupt and otherwise neutralize the activities of the various Klans and hate organizations, their leadership and adherents. The activities of these groups must be followed on a continuous basis so we may take advantage of all opportunities for counterintelligence and also inspire action in instances where circumstances warrant. The devious maneuvers and duplicity of these groups must be exposed to public scrutiny through the cooperation of reliable news media sources, both locally and at the Seat of Government. We must frustrate any effort of the groups to consolidate their forces or to recruit new or youthful adherents. In every instance, consideration should be given to disrupting the organized activity of these groups and no opportunity should be missed to capitalize upon organizational and personal conflicts of their leadership.

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Letter to Atlanta
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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The following Klan organizations, currently under active investigation, should be considered for counterintelligence action:

1. Association of Arkansas Klans of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
2. Association of Georgia Klans.
3. Association of South Carolina Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
4. Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Hinton, West Virginia.
5. Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
6. Improved Order of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
7. Independent Klavern, Fountain Inn.
8. Independent Klan Unit, St. Augustine, Florida.
9. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Aka.
10. Mississippi Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
11. National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
12. Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
13. Pioneer Club, Orlando, Florida.
14. United Florida Ku Klux Klan.
15. United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
16. U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
17. White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

The following hate organizations currently being afforded abtive investigation are included in this program.

1. Alabama States Rights Party (Origin: Mobile)
2. American Nazi Party (Origin: Richmond)

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3. Council for Statehood, aka, Freemen
(Origin: Miami)
4. Fighting American Nationalists
(Origin: Baltimore)
5. National States Rights Party
(Origin: Birmingham)
6. National Renaissance Party
(Origin: New York)
7. United Freemen (Origin: Miami)
8. Viking Youth of America (Origin: Tampa)
9. White Youth Corps (Origin: Chicago)

On or before 10/15/64, participating offices are instructed to submit to the Bureau a detailed analysis of potential counterintelligence action against pertinent organizations and individuals active within their respective territories and specific recommendations should be included for any logical immediate counterintelligence action. Recommendations submitted under this program must include all necessary facts to enable the Bureau to intelligently pass upon the feasibility of the proposed action. In instances where a reliable and cooperative news media representative or other source outside the Bureau is to be contacted or utilized in connection with a proposed counterintelligence operation, it will be incumbent upon the recommending office to furnish assurances the source will not reveal the Bureau's interest or betray our confidence.

Offices participating in this program who have investigative responsibility for Klan organizations should specifically comment in the initial letter to the Bureau regarding "Action Groups." As these offices are aware, these groups have been described as the relatively few individuals in each organization who use strong-arm tactics and violent actions to achieve their ends. Often these groups act without the approval of the Klan organization

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or membership. The Bureau considers it vital that we expose the identities and activities of such groups and where possible disrupt their efforts. These groups should be subjected to continuing counterintelligence action.

No counterintelligence action may be initiated by the field without specific Bureau authorization.

Commencing 1/1/65 and every 3 months thereafter, each participating office should submit to the Bureau a status letter covering the prior 3-month period, including comments under the following captions:

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action

2. Pending Counterintelligence Action

3. Tangible Results

If necessary, a 4th caption "Miscellaneous" may be utilized for additional comments.

Recommendations for counterintelligence action should not be included in 90-day status letters to the Bureau but following the initial analysis due 10/15/64, should be submitted individually by separate letter.

All Special Agent personnel responsible for the investigation of Klan-type and hate organizations and their membership should be alerted to our counterintelligence plans relating to these groups. Counterintelligence action directed at these groups is intended to complement and stimulate our accelerated intelligence investigations. Each investigative Agent has a responsibility to call to the attention of the counterintelligence coordinator suggestions and possibilities for implementing the program. You are cautioned that the nature of this new endeavor is such that under no circumstances should the existence of the program be made known outside the Bureau and appropriate within-office security should be afforded this sensitive operation.

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Letter to Atlanta
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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The Bureau is pleased with past successes achieved by our counterintelligence efforts in other phases of our investigative responsibilities. To insure our success in this new endeavor, the Agent to whom the program is assigned in each office must have a detailed knowledge of the activities of the racist groups in the territory and that knowledge must be coupled with interest, initiative and imagination. The Agent must be alert for information which has a disruptive potential. The information will not come to him - - he must look for it. The most effective way of being assured of keeping on top of the situation is to maintain close contact with those Agents who handle the investigation of the racial and hate groups and their membership and also to periodically review relevant files.

If an enthusiastic approach is made to this new endeavor, there is no reason why the results achieved under this program will not equal or surpass our achievements in similar-type programs directed against subversives.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: August 27, 1964

FROM: Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Gray
1 - Mr. Trainor
1 - Mr. Ryan

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM -
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Memorandum from Mr. J. H. Gale to Mr. Tolson dated 7/30/64 captioned "Investigation of Ku Klux Klan and other Hate Groups" was approved by the Director authorizing the Domestic Intelligence Division to give consideration to the application of counterintelligence and disruptive tactics to hate groups and to thereafter make appropriate recommendations. It is our recommendation that we immediately initiate a hard-hitting, closely supervised, coordinated counterintelligence program to expose, disrupt and otherwise neutralize the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and specified other hate groups. U

This new counterintelligence effort will take advantage of our experience with a variety of sophisticated techniques successfully applied against the Communist Party, USA, and related organizations since 1956. Primarily, we intend to expose to public scrutiny the devious maneuvers and duplicity of the hate groups; to frustrate any efforts or plans they may have to consolidate their forces; to discourage their recruitment of new or youthful adherents; and to disrupt or eliminate their efforts to circumvent or violate the law. Our counterintelligence efforts against hate groups will be closely supervised and coordinated to complement our expanded intelligence investigations directed at these organizations. U

We are furnishing general instructions to 17 field offices (14 Southern offices responsible for active investigation of 17 Klan groups and 6 hate organizations, and New York, Chicago and Baltimore, who have active investigative responsibilities for one hate organization each) relating to the administration and prompt enactment of this new counterintelligence program. Briefly, these instructions require the 17 participating offices to submit to the Bureau on or before 10/15/64 an analysis of possible counterintelligence operations, including any specific recommendations for action. Thereafter (commencing 1/1/65) the participating offices will submit a 90-day status letter setting

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forth a summary of current, possible, and successfully achieved counterintelligence activity during the prior 3-month period. Each office will be instructed to open and maintain a pending investigation relating to this program and to assign a Special Agent on a part-time basis as the program coordinator responsible for following and initiating counterintelligence action.

As is the instance in our established counterintelligence program against the Communist Party, USA [redacted] all recommended counterintelligence action against Klan-type and hate organizations will be required to be approved at the Seat of Government.

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This new counterintelligence program directed at Klan and hate organizations will be supervised at the Seat of Government by the Special Agent supervisor responsible for our similar programs directed against the Communist Party, USA, [redacted] His efforts will be closely coordinated with supervisory personnel responsible for the intelligence investigations of the Klans and hate organizations and their membership. An annual memorandum justifying continuance of the program will be submitted and the participating field offices will be periodically apprised of techniques which have been found to be most successful. At such time as the program is considered to be successfully under way, a status memorandum will be submitted which will include any additional recommendations relating to manpower or other administrative requirements.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Domestic Intelligence Division be authorized to immediately initiate a coordinated counterintelligence program directed at exposing, disrupting and otherwise neutralizing the 17 active Klan organizations and 9 active racial hate organizations.

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2. That the attached letter be forwarded to the 17 field offices slated to participate in this new counterintelligence program setting forth instructions for the administration and immediate enactment of the program.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: July 30, 1964

FROM : J. H. GALE

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF KU KLUX KLAN AND OTHER HATE GROUPS

Mr. Sullivan has proposed that the development of informants in the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and other hate groups as well as the investigation and penetration of these organizations from an intelligence standpoint be transferred from the General Investigative Division to the Domestic Intelligence Division (DID). He bases his recommendations on the premise that organizations like the KKK and supporting groups are essentially subversive in that they hold principles and recommend courses of action that are inimical to the Constitution as are the viewpoints of the Communist Party. He does not maintain that the actions of the hate groups constitute the same menace as the Communist Party inasmuch as they are not controlled by a foreign power.

He feels that the DID over the years has developed wide experience in the penetration of subversive organizations through informants, anonymous sources, sophisticated microphone and technical surveillances, interview programs of a highly specialized nature, etc., and that his division could put this experience to excellent use in penetrating the Klan and other hate groups.

Mr. Sullivan feels that the DID would be in a position to launch a disruptive counter-intelligence program against the Klan and other hate groups with the same effectiveness that they are now doing insofar as the Communist Party is concerned. He also proposes an immediate series of regional conferences to instruct pertinent field personnel and to devise imaginative, aggressive and highly specialized programs to carry out the responsibilities in question. He states the Communist Party is increasing its activities in the field of racial matters and civil rights, directing more and more of its fire against the KKK and similar organizations to confuse the issue. He feels that because of the stepped up activities of the Communist Party in this area it would help prevent marked confusion from developing in the areas of activities being handled by the General Investigative and Domestic Intelligence Divisions if the DID assumes these responsibilities.

The functions in question were formerly handled by the DID up until 1958 when they were transferred to the General Investigative Division. This matter was considered by the Executives Conference 10/1/58 and the transfer recommended.

1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Mohr
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One of the prime factors in the decision to transfer these responsibilities from the DID in 1958 was the almost complete absence of Communist Party activity in the racial area although at that time the Communist Party sought to capitalize on such incidents after their occurrence.

Mr. Rosen was opposed to the transfer of the functions in question to the General Investigative Division in 1958 and his present position is consistent in that he maintains that the development of informants and the penetration of the Klan and other hate groups are primarily intelligence functions which should be handled by the DID as suggested by Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Rosen feels that the Bureau can best keep abreast of the whole field by having all angles of the racial field united in one division as suggested by Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Rosen points out that the development, supervision and administrative handling of racial and security informants are analogous.

Mr. Rosen feels that there is a tendency toward oversimplification in blaming all racial murders on Klansmen and hate groups. He points out that the murders of Medgar Evers, Postman Moore and even the assassination of President Kennedy were initially and generally attributed to Klan and hate group members whereas investigation showed that the individuals charged with the murders of Evers and Moore were without organization affiliation and the President was slain by an avowed Marxist who was active in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

Mr. Rosen and Mr. Sullivan both agree that the investigation of individual cases, i.e. bombings, murders, police brutality, etc., should be handled by the General Investigative Division. Mr. Rosen feels that whether subject or victims are Klan members, Communist Party members or completely without organizational affiliation has no more bearing on our supervision of the substantive civil rights violation than it would have if the violation involved were Theft from Interstate Shipment, Bank Robbery or White Slave Traffic Act.

Mr. Belmont disagrees with Messrs. Rosen and Sullivan and feels that while the proposed transfer of functions from the General Investigative to the Domestic Intelligence Division is theoretically appealing, it is not a practical answer to our problem. He states that at the time of the 1958 transfer of functions in question the basis was the close inter-relationship between the activities of the Klan and hate groups and the entire civil rights field of investigation. He feels this argument has even more strength today than in 1958, because, overwhelmingly, our interest in Klan and hate groups today is their relationship with integration and civil rights. Mr. Belmont believes the transfer of functions would create an undesirable division of authority and responsibility; that our best chance to break major civil rights cases such as bombings, murders, etc., is through information developed from the inside as a result of coverage established in the

community where the crime occurred; i.e. informants and sources in the Klan, hate groups, subversive organizations, but also sources not connected with any group, who will report potential violence and individuals prone to violence. We are following the policy of aggressively seeking out persons addicted to violence even though they have not violated a Federal law as yet. He feels that the Division that is going to investigate these cases should forge the necessary tools to use for this purpose. Mr. Belmont does not feel that the transfer of this responsibility will be helpful to the Bureau from an investigative standpoint nor in meeting the heavy responsibilities we now have in this area.

VIEWS OF THE INSPECTION DIVISION:

Inspector feels there is certainly some merit and logic in Mr. Belmont's reasoning and it is felt instant issue is not one that is completely black or white.

Under the present setup there is coordination and daily exchange of information between Domestic Intelligence and General Investigative Divisions in that both Divisions insure that communications and other matters of information are brought to the attention of each other as they arise from matters for which each Division is primarily responsible. However, it seems the real issue today just as in 1958, is where does the weight of the interest lie in the racial question. In 1958 it clearly lay in the General Investigative Division because, according to information available to the Bureau at that time, in practically no instances had racial incidents been caused or inspired by Communist Party elements although the Party naturally sought to capitalize on incidents after they occurred. Also, in 1958, it was felt that consolidation would streamline certain operations.

Today it seems clear from information developed by Domestic Intelligence Division that the Communist Party now has evidenced a definite interest in the racial problem, is becoming deeply enmeshed therein, and appears to be exploiting it to an ever-increasing extent. Although prosecution for civil rights and other criminal violations is still an ultimate objective, there is definite need for an intelligence type penetration of these racial and hate groups so as to keep abreast of and ahead of their plans and activities. This seems more properly the function of the Domestic Intelligence Division.

Analysis was made by Inspector relative to coverage of the Klan and other hate groups. The General Investigative Division has been putting a great deal of pressure on the field to increase informant coverage. They have recently instructed the field to conduct surveys relative to instituting technical coverage on certain key Klan figures, have interviewed at least once all known Klan members, all Klan leaders have been investigated from intelligence standpoint and recommendations have been made that intelligence type cases be opened on each Klan member. A weekly progress airtel is being obtained from field concerning informant development. However, undoubtedly additional coverage is needed particularly in the Klaverns that have been formed since the civil rights bill passed. There is no question about

the fact that the DID has had broad experience in the penetration of subversive organizations and has achieved noteworthy results in infiltrating the Communist Party and Soviet intelligence operations. It is felt that unquestionably this experience and know-how could be put to good advantage in penetrating the Klan and other hate groups.

The Inspection Division feels that the advantages in having the direction of all informant and intelligence matters in the racial field in one division as outlined by Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Rosen outweigh the advantages of having the hate group informants and intelligence functions with the substantive civil rights cases. Under the proposed transfer of phases of the racial problem to Domestic Intelligence Division there will still be definite responsibility in both divisions, Mr. Rosen to retain responsibility for supervision of substantive civil rights violations and other criminal violations. This dual responsibility, however, should pose no problem because there are numerous examples of it successfully being handled in the Bureau today. In this regard it will be noted that the administrative handling of the entire criminal informant program is handled by the Special Investigative Division which includes the informants being utilized on General Investigative Division cases. It will also be noted that the Special Investigative Division handles the informant and intelligence aspects of organized crime. However, the General Investigative Division handles key substantive violations such as Bankruptcy, Extortion, Assaulting a Federal Officer, and Theft from Interstate Shipment violations committed by members of the organized criminal syndicate utilizing Criminal Intelligence informants. It is understood that there have been no insoluble problems in this regard and it is felt that there should be no insoluble problems in the coordination of racial intelligence and informant information between the General Investigative Division and the DID.

In any event there will certainly be no lessening of pressure and supervision on the field if these functions are transferred. The same Agents in the field will be working the cases and developing the informants. However, it is felt that the DID should be given a chance to demonstrate whether their broad knowledge of and experience in penetration techniques and infiltration tactics can possibly increase our penetration of these hate groups. It is felt that a study of counter-intelligence and disruption tactics against the Klan certainly merits further consideration. It is also felt that the proposed series of field conferences on this problem should be favorably considered.

Memo for Mr. Tolson
Re: Investigation of Ku Klux Klan and Other Hate Groups

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the responsibility for development of informants and gathering of intelligence on the KKK and other hate groups be transferred from the General Investigative Division to the DID. (If approved, appropriate memorandum will be submitted by Inspection Division concerning realignment and distribution of personnel from the General Investigative Division to the DID.)

2. That a series of regional field conferences be held by appropriate Bureau official to instruct personnel and attempt to develop further imaginative and aggressive highly specialized programs to carry out desired penetration. (If approved, to be coordinated by Mr. Belmont.)

3. That counter-intelligence and disruption tactics be given further study by DID and appropriate recommendations made.

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TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 9/21/64

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - Mr. R. W. Smith
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1 - Mr. Gray

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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As result of our newly launched Counterintelligence Program against the Klan, Atlanta has suggested that we capitalize on a situation which could result in exposing the viciousness and duplicity of the Klan through the widespread publicity of an article in the [redacted] and an SAC contact of the Atlanta Office, has advised that a staff writer for his newspaper, [redacted] is currently writing an article on the Ku Klux Klan for that magazine. Atlanta recommends that the Bureau furnish [redacted] appropriate material on the nationwide activity of the Klan for passage to [redacted] and possible use in his forthcoming article.

You will recall [redacted] which downgraded the Communist Party, USA, as a danger to United States internal security. [redacted] in discussing the manuscript of this article with Assistant Director C. D. DeLoach, confidentially advised that the first paragraphs of the article which we strongly opposed and for which we suggested revisions were based on his conversations with Attorney General Robert Kennedy. The Director noted at that time that [redacted] had been "efficiently 'brainwashed' by the A. G." It is noted, however, that in the proposed counter-intelligence operation of passing material on the Klan to [redacted] through [redacted] would not know the source of information.

It will be recalled that recently [redacted] headlined his [redacted] lauded the Director and the Bureau for "work in Mississippi and Georgia ... to mention just two jobs superbly done." (Copy of article attached.) Atlanta notes that [redacted] is a staunch and proven friend of the Bureau and that in this proposed counterintelligence operation of furnishing the Klan material to [redacted] would not betray our confidence.

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Memorandum to W. C. Sullivan
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

As you know the Research Unit of the Research-Satellite Section is preparing an up-to-date monograph concerning the Ku Klux Klan and we do have material readily available for passage to [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

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That the Research Unit of the Research-Satellite Section proceed immediately to prepare appropriate material on the Klan which, upon the Director's approval, will be passed to [redacted]

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

F. J. Baumgardner

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

The Counterintelligence Program was initiated in August, 1956, for the purpose of disrupting, embarrassing, and exposing the Communist Party, USA, and related organizations. Counterintelligence action is considered against the communists throughout the entire country although the program is principally handled in 16 key field offices which cover the majority of Communist Party Activities. U

In September, 1964, a Counterintelligence Program was initiated against Klan organizations and related hate groups. Fourteen southern offices and three northern offices participate in this program. U

Administrative control is closely maintained and all operations under both of these Counterintelligence Programs must first be approved by the Bureau prior to their initiation in the field. U

These programs are reviewed and evaluated each year and new techniques and programs are instituted whenever it appears they will be effective. The tangible results obtained during the past year clearly show the effectiveness of the two Counterintelligence Programs as potent weapons for the disruption of the Communist Party, USA, Klan groups, and hate organizations and the activities of their members and supporters. U

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Counterintelligence Programs directed against the Communist Party, USA, and related organizations and against Klan and hate-type organizations be continued for an additional one-year period at which time they will again be carefully analyzed and evaluated. [redacted]

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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DETAILS:

This memorandum has been prepared to carefully evaluate the Counterintelligence Program as directed against the Communist Party, USA, and related organizations and against Klan-type and hate organizations and to recommend their continuance.

ORIGIN AND PURPOSE:

The Counterintelligence Program was instituted in August, 1956, for the primary purpose of causing disruption and disillusionment within the ranks of the Communist Party, USA. The program attempts to create and develop factional splits and to increase animosity and factional activities within the Communist Party. Where possible, an effort is made to cause expulsions and defections from the Party. Whereever a situation presents itself, the devious activities of the Party are publicized to expose its movements and subject it to embarrassment and ridicule.

The same techniques utilized against the Communist Party, USA, are used in connection with our recently initiated program to disrupt and expose the activities of Klan-type and hate organizations.

SCOPE:

The program directed against the Communist Party, USA, is handled within 16 key field offices covering the activities of the majority of Communist Party members. The program directed against Klan-type and hate organizations is conducted in fourteen southern offices and three northern offices. Where necessary, counterintelligence efforts are considered for any office. Both these programs are an adjunct to our investigations and are closely correlated with related investigations and the handling of informants.

CASE LOAD:

A separate control file is maintained for each office participating in each of the two Counterintelligence Programs into which pertinent correspondence for all counterintelligence techniques are placed. Where necessary, individual files are opened on each counterintelligence operation.

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At the present time, over 100 separate counterintelligence operations are in various stages of enactment. The various counterintelligence plans and techniques are handled and supervised by the Agent assigned to the program in each participating office by the use of a single control file. U

MAGNITUDE: (Cost and Manpower):

The cost of these two programs is extremely low. The programs entail only one Supervisor at the Seat of Government who has the assistance of one clerk. In the field, 33 Agents are assigned responsibility for the program. Only three of these field Agents are assigned to the program on a full-time basis. The other Agents spend anywhere from 5 per cent to 40 per cent of their time on the programs. U

PAST AND PRESENT WEAKNESSES:

None. U

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL:

Extremely close and continuing supervision is provided from the Seat of Government and all operations must first be submitted to the Bureau for approval prior to being initiated in the field. U

ADEQUACY AND CURRENTNESS OF INSTRUCTIONS:

The Counterintelligence Program is unique in nature and covers extremely delicate operations and techniques. Because of the delicate and confidential nature of the programs, no instructions have been set out in the various Bureau manuals or bulletins. The offices currently participating in the program are kept jointly and individually advised and made thoroughly familiar with current Bureau policy. Advance Security In-Service classes are afforded a two-hour seminar on the various phases of the program and Basic In-Service classes are afforded a one-hour seminar. These seminars serve to acquaint all Security Agents with the essence and nature of our Counterintelligence Program operations. When necessary, special conferences are authorized in connection with specific operations. U

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM.

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

During the past year, a variety of accomplishments have been achieved by the Counterintelligence Program in actions directed against the Communist Party, USA, and related organizations. Although the Counterintelligence Program direct against Klan-type and hate organizations has only been in progress four months, tangible results are beginning to be realized and the field has demonstrated an enthusiasm for counterintelligence techniques. Selected examples of effective counterintelligence action realized during the past year are as follows: U

(1) As a result of numerous anonymous mailings and techniques, anti-Semitic policies of the Soviet Union have been brought to the attention of the Communist Party, USA, membership. It is believed every Communist Party member of Jewish background has been the target of our counterintelligence action exposing Soviet anti-Semitism. The Communist Party, USA, necessarily has published numerous articles and pamphlets endeavoring to explain away this duplicity. U

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(4) Embarrassing publicity has been afforded to the Communist Party organization and to its leadership through nationally televised publicity as well as national and local syndicated and news columns. U

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(5) As a result of counterintelligence action, many meeting places formerly used on a regular basis by the communists have been barred from their use. U

(6) Counterintelligence action has caused a will designating the Communist Party as beneficiary for approximately $50,000 to be subjected to litigation and in all probability these funds will not be available to the communists. U

(7) Through publicity and other means of alerting youth we have thoroughly exposed the communist control and sponsorship of the new W.E.B. DuBois Youth Group of America. U

(8) We have already obtained publicity exposing the activities of the Ku Klux Klan and various hate groups in the South. Through anonymous letters and other techniques we are continuing and increasing our attack on these groups. U

CONTEMPLATED ACTION:

We will continue to strive to make our counter-intelligence programs as effective as possible during the next one-year period. We will be alert to capitalize upon factional disputes within both the domestic and international communist movement and on opportunities which present themselves as a result of the communist approach to racial and nationality problems. We anticipate our counterintelligence action against Klan and hate organizations, now in its formative steps, will be effectively increased during the coming year. We will take advantage of any situation which presents itself as a possible subject of counter-intelligence action. U

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-MAIN) DATE: 1/28/65

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-640)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY,
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBulet to Atlanta dated 9/2/64.

POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

One of the principal reasons for the successful operation of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is its basic policy to avoid publicity and notoriety. SAMUEL BOWERS, the Imperial Wizard of the organization, has virtual passion for anonymity as a Klan leader. A plan has been suggested to secure envelopes with BOWERS' name and title as a member of the Klan printed as a return address on the envelope and enclose in the envelope the latest edition of the 'Klan-Ledger.' These would be sent to newspapers on the office mailing list as well as other selected persons in the State of Mississippi. Postage would be purchased for the mailing and the envelopes actually placed in the mail at Laurel, Miss., which is BOWERS' home.

The complete background regarding this has been set forth in Jackson letter to the Bureau dated 1/21/65 captioned "SAM BOWERS, IMPERIAL WIZARD, WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI."

Consideration will be given to sending through the mail to certain known Klan members a post card advising them of the time and place of a Klan meeting. The card would be signed SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. This plan could be modified by sending a

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sealed envelope and message regarding a future Klan meeting. The envelopes could have SAM BOWERS' return address printed thereon listing him as the Imperial Wizard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. In addition, the term Klansman could follow the addressee's name on the envelope. This could be sent to the person's place of business or to a next-door neighbor by having the address one number off. The consternation caused by this technique could be considerable.

Another consideration would be to have auto bumper stickers printed with words similar to "Member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan" and affix them to certain Klan member cars. These, of course, would have to be printed so no one could identify the source.

Another technique being considered is to conduct a neighborhood investigation regarding certain Klan members. We would not tell neighbors that he is a Klan member but ask them if they have any knowledge regarding him being a Klan member. This would spread through the neighborhood and make him very unpopular. This same technique could be carried one step further by contacting employer and co-employees.

Cartoons will be used, as pointed out in a previous Bureau letter, when proper opportunities present themselves.

The proposals listed above are merely considerations and will not be used without prior Bureau authority and complete details of such would be first submitted to the Bureau by separate communication.

PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

There will be continued and expanded informant coverage to more fully penetrate the Klan and hate organizations. It is only through this basic action that other efforts can be properly directed to disrupt and frustrate their plans.

Efforts will continue to locate desirable locations for technical installations. Information learned from productive installations coupled with expanded informant coverage will serve as a basis for future counterintelligence action.

We will continue with repeated contacts and constant interviews of known and suspected Klansmen on an intensified basis. Some may be able to be converted as informants and for others we will be learning more of their background, activities, associates, etc. We will continue and expand effective liaison with local law enforcement and other groups so the utmost in cooperation can be expected.

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TANGIBLE RESULTS

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Several surveillances have been conducted at the Copiah County Rod and Gun Club at Crystal Springs, Miss., and it was noted that Klan meetings were held at this location regularly on Tuesday evenings. A survey determined that due

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to the nature of the interior construction there were many technical details which would not make an installation feasible and thus none attempted. However, informant coverage determined that due to intensified FBI investigative activity in the area the attendance/frequency of the meetings dropped off sharply.

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The repeated contacts and constant interviews of known and suspected Klansmen have manifested a disturbing effect on them as indicated in the examples above. In addition, the number of incidents of violence has sharply declined. Successful investigations culminating in arrests have certainly played an important part in curbing Klan activity, and cooperation with local law enforcement has greatly contributed in this regard.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: January 19, 1965

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

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PER FOIA REQUEST

Recent statements made by the Director relating to the penetration of the Klan by FBI informants have resulted in considerable comment in various news media to the obvious consternation of Klan members. Attached are copies of two published cartoons which effectively capitalized upon this theme. Selected anonymous mailings of a similar cartoon to Klan leaders, members or sympathizers undoubtedly would disrupt the efforts of their organizations by compounding existing suspicions within and subjecting them to ridicule from without.

We desire that an original cartoon be prepared by the Document Section of the Laboratory graphically depicting the same theme--that the FBI has heavily penetrated the Klan and that this paradox portrays the Klan organization and members as ridiculous. We are having the Laboratory prepare an original cartoon, rather than circulating copies of the published cartoons, to avoid any possible infringement of copyrights. Thereafter, we will anonymously mail copies of the Laboratory prepared cartoon to selected Klan members in areas where ridicule will be most demoralizing and disruptive.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum and enclosures be forwarded to the Document Section of the Laboratory for preparation of an original cartoon graphically illustrating the penetration of the Klan by FBI informants and that thereafter we arrange to have approximately 300 copies of the cartoon mailed by the field to Klan members in areas where maximum disruption may be achieved.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Conrad
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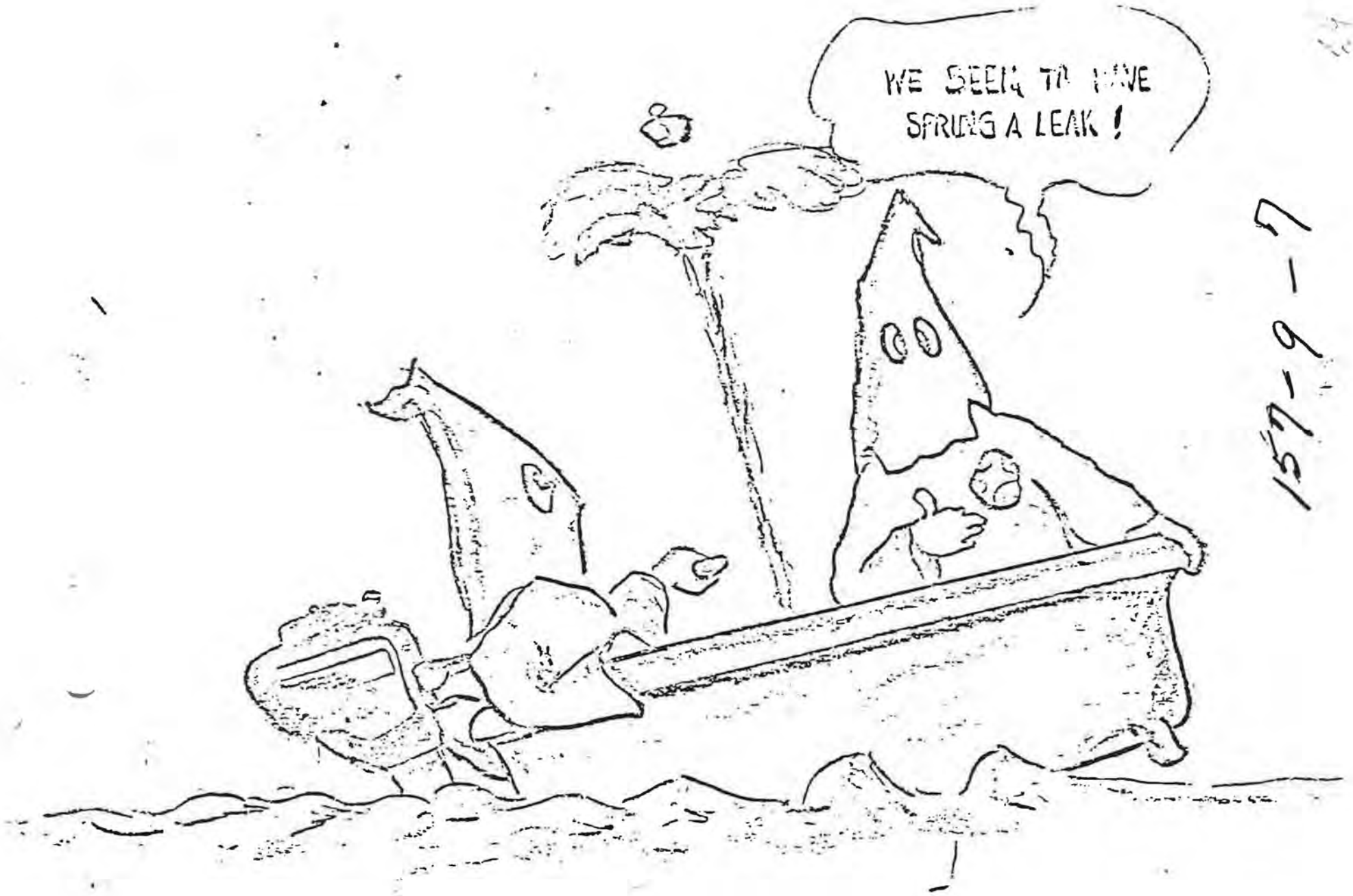
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ITEM.. "FBI INFILTRATES KLAN."

SAC, Miami (157-1114) 4/15/65

Director, FBI (157-9-Main) REC 33 EX-101 — 7

1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Gray
2 - Mr. Walsh

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

Reference is made to Miami letter dated 11/18/64 and Birmingham airtel 12/22/64.

Referenced communications forwarded copies of cartoons and suggested that these, or similar cartoons, be prepared by the Bureau for anonymous mailings to disrupt Klan, or similar hate group, activities.

Attached for each office are five individually numbered Xerox copies of rough sketches prepared by the FBI Laboratory on the above-mentioned theme. Each office receiving this letter should review these sketches to determine if any of these cartoons, or a variation of a cartoon, is suitable for disruptive, anonymous mailing within its field office territory.

In the event it is determined such a mailing would have counterintelligence value, and would not adversely affect our informant development program, the Bureau should be advised together with complete recommendations. Thereafter, the cartoon selected will be prepared as requested and forwarded with instructions relating to its mailing.

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2 - Atlanta (157-826) (Enclosures - 5)
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In the event any office believes a caricature-type cartoon, based on a different theme, could be effectively used to disrupt the Klan within its territory, a rough draft of such cartoon should be submitted to the Bureau, together with recommendations for its preparation and subsequent anonymous mailing.

No counterintelligence activity should be taken without specific Bureau authority.

NOTE:

Memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan, 1/19/65, was approved, authorizing us to prepare and make available to the field, cartoons of the above type to disrupt the Klan.

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SAC, Atlanta (157-826)

4/29/65

Director, FBI (157-9-MAIN)

1 - Mr. Gray
1 - Mr. Walsh

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
BUDED: 6/2/65

The Bureau desires to develop compromise-type data on the leaders of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and the American Nazi Party (ANP). Each office receiving copies of this letter should make an all-out effort to accumulate data indicative of the immorality, dishonesty and devious tactics of leaders of the Klan and ANP. It is desired to accumulate this information in the event it is possible to utilize it as a disruptive counterintelligence technique.

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Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Specifically we desire this information on the following individuals:

Name: Robert Marvin Shelton
Title: Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America (UKA), Inc., Knights of the KKK

The Bureau by letter 2/23/65 set out instructions for investigation in this case. The results thus far obtained should be immediately submitted to the Bureau.

Origin: Birmingham

Name: [redacted]
Title:
Origin:

Name: Sam Holloway Bowers, Jr.
Title: Imperial Wizard, White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi
Origin: Jackson

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Name: [redacted]
Title:
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Name: James R. Venable
Title: Chairman, National Knights of the KKK, Inc.
Origin: Atlanta

Name: George Lincoln Rockwell
Title: National Commander, ANP
Origin: Richmond

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You should not construe the above-named individuals to be the only persons on whom we desire information. If any office has information of this type on any individual member, or a hate group as an organization, this should be included in the material furnished to the Bureau.

Information developed to date should be immediately forwarded to the Bureau. Any additional investigation should be promptly conducted and complete details should be forwarded to reach the Bureau on or before 6/2/65. Mature, experienced Agents should be utilized, and any investigation conducted should be done in a most discreet manner, in order to avoid any possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-MAIN) DATE: 5/7/65

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-1559)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
BUDED: 6/2/65

ReBulet to Atlanta dated 4/29/65.

Tampa Division has reviewed file on [redacted] and only information, which may be of value in the captioned program, was noted as follows:

In St. Louis letter to Tampa, 6/10/64 (IO), the information was set out that [redacted] served in inactive status until [redacted] at which time he was honorably discharged for reason of hardship-dependency. [redacted]

Report of SA [redacted] 5/13/64, Tampa, set out [redacted] against [redacted] and such was dismissed on 4/11/63. In 1955 subject appeared to have been [redacted] Report of SA [redacted] dated 7/27/64 at Tampa sets out no actual divorce record was found at Orlando, Florida, but the indices of case in Circuit Court revealed the case of [redacted] versus [redacted] and further that the [redacted] was dismissed on 5/14/62. Since the above information suggests affairs on the part of [redacted] now having grown children, further discreet investigation should be

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conducted at Orlando, Florida, and complete details obtained to accumulate any data indicative of subject's immorality and dishonesty among the possible ex-wives.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 5/10/65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Gray
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Walsh

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS -
(KU KLUX KLAN OFFICIALS)
[redacted]
(James R. Venable)
[redacted]
(Samuel Holloway Bowers, Jr.)
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The above-named individuals are active Ku Klux Klan officials. We are endeavoring, as a counterintelligence technique, to develop information discrediting or embarrassing to them and the Ku Klux Klan.

Through analysis of their income tax returns, we may be able to determine whether or not sources of their income or depositories used by them for their respective Klan organizations are legitimate.

In the event we determine such information we will consider exposing them within the Klan organization, publicly or by furnishing information to the Internal Revenue Service.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Liaison Section obtain from the Internal Revenue Service two uncertified copies each of the Federal tax returns filed by the above-named individuals and their respective Klan organizations for the period 1959-1963. Attached are six memoranda for the use of the Liaison Section.

Enclosures
157-9-Main
1 - [redacted]
1 - 157-1628 (Venable)
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - 157-1654 (Bowers)
1 - [redacted]

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May 11, 1965

JAMES R. VENABLE

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Gray
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Walsh

James R. Venable; born June 15, 1905; separated from wife; two children; has resided at VFW Drive, Stone Mountain, Georgia, during the period 1959-1963. He is a lawyer with offices at 100½ Hunter Street, Southwest, Atlanta, Georgia. His Social Security number is unknown.

The Headquarters of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is located at Tucker, Georgia, but it is reported that some of its business is also conducted from the home address of Venable at Stone Mountain, Georgia.

It is requested two uncertified copies each of the Federal tax returns filed by Venable and the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., for the period 1959-1963 be made available.

1 - 157-1628 (Venable)

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May 11, 1965

SAMUEL HOLLOWAY BOWERS, JR.

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Gray
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Walsh

Samuel Holloway Bowers, Jr.; born August 6, 1924; has resided at 816-20 South Fourth Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi, during the period 1959-1963. He is self-employed at Laurel, Mississippi, in the real estate business (Magnolia Consolidated Realty Company, Inc.) and the SAMBO Amusement Company (distributes pinball machines and "juke" boxes). His Social Security number is unknown.

The Headquarters of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi is located at Laurel, Mississippi.

It is requested two uncertified copies each of the Federal tax returns filed by Bowers; the Magnolia Consolidated Realty Company, Inc.; the SAMBO Amusement Company; and the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi for the period 1959-1963 be made available.

1 - 157-1654 (Bowers)

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1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Woodcock

June 16, 1965

[redacted]
Government Printing Office
North Capitol and H Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20401

[redacted]

In connection with a sensitive matter of a security nature being handled by this Bureau recently, it was necessary to obtain the cooperation of your organization in the preparation of a photoengraved plate. Appropriate arrangements were made through [redacted] of your office. The actual preparation of the plate was carried out by one of your capable employees, [redacted]

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I am aware that the security precautions required by this operation created special problems for the employees of your photoengraving facilities and I have been advised of the cordial cooperation extended to representatives of this Bureau. Please convey to [redacted] my appreciation for the fine assistance rendered by them and be assured that your cooperation in matters of this nature is deeply appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: See memo Mr. Griffith to Mr. Conrad dated 6/15/65 re Counterintelligence Program, Internal Security, Disruption of Hate Groups (Business Card, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan - New Orleans).

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: June 28, 1965

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Rosack
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Walsh

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(KU KLUX KLAN OFFICIALS)
[redacted]

The above-named individual is an active Ku Klux Klan official. We are endeavoring, as a counterintelligence technique, to develop information discrediting or embarrassing to him and the Ku Klux Klan.

[redacted] By memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan dated May 10, 1965, [redacted] name was included in a grop of several Klan leaders and their respective Klan organizations on whom we desired the Liaison Section to obtain copies of Federal income tax returns for the period 1959 through 1963, for analysis.

[redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Liaison Section call this apparent violation of tax laws to the attention of the Internal Revenue Service in that it may desire to conduct an investigation regarding this non filing of income tax returns. Attached is a memorandum for the use of the Liaison Section.

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Director, FBI (157-9-main) 1 - Mr. D. Ryan

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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Enclosed for each office participating in this Program are one copy of a leaflet exposing the Communist Party (CP) spawned and controlled W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America and one copy of a leaflet exposing the communist background of Pete Seeger.

Both these items utilize public source material to expose the communists. The first was researched by the Philadelphia Office with its layout and design produced by the Bureau's Exhibit Section. To avoid associating the Bureau with the DuBois Clubs of America leaflet, discreet arrangements were made for the Catholic War Veterans to sponsor its dissemination. The second leaflet was prepared by a private organization without the cooperation of the Bureau, to expose the communist musician, Pete Seeger. (U)

These items have been used as counterintelligence techniques to expose the communists and they are forwarded to suggest possible techniques to publicly expose Klan and hate-type organizations, and their members. The Bureau will be pleased to assist any office participating in this Program in the preparation of such material. Offices desiring to have such material prepared should submit their recommendation to the Bureau together with pertinent public source material and with suggestions for design and layout.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 12-15-28

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: July 19, 1965

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Rosack
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Walsh

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(KU KLUX KLAN OFFICIALS)
[redacted]

The above-named individual is an active Ku Klux Klan official. We are endeavoring as a counterintelligence technique to develop information discrediting or embarrassing to him and the Ku Klux Klan.

By memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan dated 5/10/65 [redacted] name was included in a group of several Klan leaders and their respective Klan organizations on whom we desired the Liaison Section to obtain copies of Federal income tax returns for the period 1959-1963, for analysis. b7C

Liaison Section Supervisor [redacted] ascertained from the Internal Revenue Service on 7/8/65 that [redacted] had not filed a tax return for the designated years.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Liaison Section call this apparent violation of tax laws to the attention of the Internal Revenue Service in that it may desire to continue an investigation regarding this nonfiling of income tax returns. Attached is a memorandum for the use of the Liaison Section.

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1 - [redacted]

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The Attorney General

September 2, 1965

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Belmont
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PENETRATION AND DISRUPTION
OF KLAN ORGANIZATIONS
RACIAL MATTERS

As you know, this Bureau has solved a number of cases involving racial violence in the South. In this regard, public attention particularly was focused on the FBI's role in the solution of the brutal murders of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, Lieutenant Colonel Lemuel A. Penn, and the three civil rights workers in Mississippi. However, we have achieved a number of other tangible accomplishments, most of which are not publicly known, and I thought you might be interested in them.

At the present time, for example, nearly two thousand of our informants and sources are being operated to obtain up-to-date intelligence data concerning racial matters which we disseminate on a continuing basis. Of those, 774 have been developed in just the past year--an average of more than two each day for every day in the past twelve months.

Particularly significant has been the high-level penetration we have achieved of Klan organizations. At the present time, there are 14 Klan groups in existence, [redacted] b7D

Through such coverage, much valuable information relating to a variety of cases of violence and planned violence in the civil rights field has been obtained. Just recently, for example, [redacted] b7D

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Equally important, and something of which the public is totally unaware, is the extent to which we have been able to forestall violence in certain racially explosive areas. In one southern state, for example, the governor, on one occasion, expressed his great concern and fear of an outbreak of racial violence because of the tense situation. [redacted] As a result, we have been successful to date in holding Klan violence in the entire state to an absolute minimum.

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We also are seizing every opportunity to disrupt the activities of Klan organizations. Typical is the manner in which we exposed and thwarted a "kick back" scheme a Klan group was using in one southern state to help finance its activities. One member of the group was selling insurance to other Klan members and would deposit a generous portion of the premium refunds in the Klan treasury. As a result of action we took, the insurance company learned of the scheme and cancelled all the policies held by Klan members, thereby cutting off a sizable source of revenue which had been used to finance Klan activities.

I have furnished these examples to illustrate to you the approach this Bureau is taking to meet the challenge of racial lawlessness in certain areas today.

The above information has also been furnished to Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President.

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The Attorney General

NOTE:

See memorandum A. H. Belmont to Mr. Tolson, dated 8/31/65, captioned "RECENT SHOOTINGS IN ALABAMA, LOUISIANA, AND MISSISSIPPI, Civil Rights," prepared by AHB:CSH. The Director instructed that Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, be advised.

This letter is classified "Secret" because the unauthorized disclosure of the sources mentioned herein would not only be to the detriment of the Nation's security but might even endanger their lives.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 8/31/65

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: RECENT SHOOTINGS IN ALABAMA, LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI
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On Mr. Rosen's memorandum of 8/25/65, dealing with the status of cases involving four shootings in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, the Director noted that we have accomplished nothing in these cases and that our informant coverage is not adequate.

The purpose of Mr. Rosen's memorandum was to pinpoint for the Director our concern about these four cases and to show that we are conducting vigorous investigation to bring about their solution. We are continuing to press these investigations with the full recognition that the solution of such cases rests on a combination of informant coverage and hard, vigorous investigation, each of which supplements the other.

I would like the Director to know that the Domestic Intelligence Division, which assumed the responsibility for the development of racial informants and sources in August, 1964, has pursued a hard-hitting, aggressive, imaginative program to develop informants and sources, with the following results:

1. Since August, 1964, racial informants have been increased from [redacted]

2. Confidential sources have been increased from [redacted]

3. Liaison sources have been increased from [redacted]

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Mr. Tolson

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In addition, we have developed other high-ranking Klan leaders and succeeded in penetrating local Klan units throughout the South where no previous informant coverage existed.

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Through a combination of informant coverage and vigorous investigation, we have been able to break a number of cases involving violence in the South, such as the series of bombings at McComb, Mississippi, during the Summer and Fall of 1964, and the dynamiting of two automobiles and a Negro mortuary at New Bern, North Carolina, in January, 1965. In addition, we have been able to use some of our informants to control the potential for Klan violence in certain areas. For example, [redacted]

Through our informants in the Klan we have secured voluminous current information, resulting in a special document concerning Klan organizations which we prepared in April, 1965 and furnished to the President and the Attorney General, a monograph on the Klan to assist investigative efforts of the field, and we have assisted in the preparation of material for an article on the Klan to be published in the Reader's Digest.

We have launched a counterintelligence program designed to disrupt and disintegrate Klan activities. For example, we exposed a "kickback" scheme where a portion of insurance premiums was going to a Klan treasury. As a result, the insurance company cancelled all the insurance policies of Klan members.

Mr. Tolson

We want the Director to know that we are pushing hard, both from the investigative standpoint and in the development of informants, in order that we can accomplish maximum results, not only in the four cases mentioned in our memorandum of 8/25/65, but in the entire field of racial and civil rights cases.

Send letter to Watson giving our accomplishments.

[redacted]

September 2, 1965

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BY LIAISON
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
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1 - Mr. Rosen
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Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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The solution to the series of bombings and burnings of some 20 to 25 homes in the McComb, Mississippi, area last year similarly was based on information supplied by one of our informants.

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I have furnished these examples to illustrate to the President the approach this Bureau is taking to meet the challenge of racial lawlessness in certain areas today and want him to know of our determination to press forward in this vein even more vigorously in the future in line with his determination to establish a peaceful and prosperous society in this Nation.

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable Marvin Watson

NOTE:

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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

September 3, 1965

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Re: Your memorandum of September 2, regarding penetration and disruption of Klan Organizations

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I have been aware in a general way of the accomplishments of the Bureau in the area of Klan penetration, but I appreciate having the benefit of detailed information on this subject, and I hope you will continue to keep me up to date on it.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the development of your informant system in the Klan organizations and on the results you have obtained through it. It is unfortunate that the value of these activities would in most cases be lost if too extensive publicity were given to them; however, perhaps at some point it may be possible to place these achievements on the public record, so that the Bureau can receive its due credit.

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Attorney General
Nicholas deB. Katzenbach

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

Director, FBI (157-9-MAIN)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Walsh

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I am well pleased with the positive results which have been realized as a result of the variety of counter-intelligence techniques and operations which have been directed against Klan-type and hate groups during the past several months.

The number of new, unique and ingenious counter-intelligence techniques which have been recommended by the field indicate investigative personnel are affording this program imaginative attention.

It is my desire, however, that all offices receiving this letter should very actively participate in this program maintaining an imaginative and aggressive approach. I also want to impress upon the recipient offices, that all investigative personnel responsible for Klan-type and hate group investigations be alerted and encouraged to submit counterintelligence recommendations relating to their individual investigations. The responsibility for counterintelligence action should not be delegated exclusively to the Agent assigned to the Program, who should be acting in the capacity of coordinator.

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Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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This letter should be brought to the attention of all Special Agent personnel responsible for counterintelligence action relating to the investigation of Klan-type and hate groups and their memberships.

NOTE:

See memorandum F.J. Baumgardner to Mr. W.C. Sullivan, same caption, dated 10/1/65, prepared by JVW:lmm.

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TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM: F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Walsh

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

This memorandum has been prepared in order to set forth some of the highlights of our accomplishments through this program during the past several months.

Among the successful counterintelligence techniques utilized are the following:

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3. We were successful in exposing and thwarting a "kickback" scheme being utilized by the United Klans of America in North Carolina, to help finance its activities. One member of the Klan was selling insurance to other Klan members and also depositing a generous portion of the premium funds in the Klan treasury. As a result of counter-intelligence action taken, the insurance company cancelled all the policies held by Klan members, thereby cutting off a sizable amount of revenue for the Klan. This item was disseminated to the White House and the Attorney General.

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4. The publication of cartoons and caricatures by cooperative news media sources, and/or the anonymous circulation of them among members of the Klan and hate groups have served to both disrupt the various organizations and to discredit their leadership. In addition, original cartoons prepared by the Document Section of the FBI Laboratory and by a Special Agent on special assignment in the New Orleans Office territory, were made available to participating offices.

5. As a direct result of counterintelligence utilized in regard to obvious building and fire code violations of the decrepit Chicago, Illinois, headquarters of the American Nazi Party, the city of Chicago took action against the Nazis in the form of fines and pressures to correct the violations which resulted in the Nazis losing their headquarters. It is believed that counterintelligence action may result in the eventual dissolution of the American Nazi Party in the Chicago area.

6. The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory made up and furnished to the New Orleans Office exact copies of an original business card which had been distributed by the United Klans of America. These cards invite anyone interested in joining the United Klans of America to write to a specific address. b7E [redacted] The long-range success of this technique for increased informant coverage has unlimited possibilities.

It is obvious that the actions taken by offices participating in this program have been most successful to date. Attached, is a letter to these offices encouraging them to continue the good work and emphasizing the need for counterintelligence techniques being submitted on a continuing basis by all participating offices.

ACTION:

That the attached letter be sent.

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TO: Mr. W.C. Sullivan

DATE: 10/19/65

FROM: F.J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Gauthier
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Walsh

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

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Attached herewith are six original cartoons which were prepared by Special Agent [redacted] of the Dallas Office while on special assignment at Bogalusa, Louisiana.

It is requested that the Exhibits Section prepare, in post card form, fifty copies each of these cartoons which ridicule the Ku Klux Klan, and furnish them to the Internal Security Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division. In preparing these copies, it is requested that Special Agent [redacted] name be blocked out on the original.

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These cartoons will be utilized, with Bureau direction, by the field in the Counterintelligence Program directed against the Ku Klux Klan through anonymous mailings to Klan members and to various news media in an effort to disrupt and neutralize the Klan.

The use of cartoons in the Counterintelligence Program directed against the Ku Klux Klan has been previously approved by memorandum F.J. Baumgardner to Mr. W.C. Sullivan, dated 1/19/65.

RECOMMENDATION:

That approval be granted for the Exhibits Section to prepare copies of these original cartoons to be made available to the field for use in the Counterintelligence Program directed against the Klan.

Enclosures

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (Your file 157-1114) DATE: 10/21/65

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SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

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☐ ReBulet to AT, cc MM, dated 8/9/65, enclosing cartoons.

☒ 2. DATE ☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo ☐ submitted
☐ report
☒ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter ☒ will be submitted 10/26/65

Reporting employee

☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted

☐ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal ☐ Inquiry ☐ Investigation ☐ Prosecution

☐ 5. Submit ☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo
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From: Director, FBI (157-9-MAIN)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(REVEREND CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH, AKA)

ReLAairtel captioned "Connie Charles Lynch, RM," dated 12/2/65.

Lynch, commonly known as Connie Lynch is a leading national speaker for the National States Rights Party (NSRP) and other hate-type groups. Lynch apparently is unemployed at present and presumably receives some form of compensation for his speaking efforts. He has at times reportedly been a member of the NSRP and Klan groups; however, Bufiles do not reveal a continuing membership for Lynch in any of the hate-type organizations.

He has advocated the use of violence against minority groups and has been convicted of assault with a deadly weapon.

Lynch again came to the attention of the Bureau regarding threats to FBI personnel when, during a speech on 10/28/65 at Natchez, Mississippi, he referred to FBI Agents as

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"Nigger babysitters" and "haters of all white men." He is alleged to have said he would kill FBI Agents or anyone else if they molest his family or employees. During an interview on 9/28/65 by Bureau Agents for a similar comment, Lynch denied making any such statement but was hostile to the Agents.

It is pointed out that while Lynch may not currently have a hate group organizational affiliation, he is a very prominent hate group personality and has been very successful in stirring up violence in the past. For this reason, counter-intelligence measures taken against him should be conducted as though he were one of the leading officials of a group such as the NSRP or the Klan.

Lynch's automobile bears a California registration and he was last known to reside there. He follows a peripatetic way of life and may appear at any place throughout the country.

For the information of all offices receiving this airtel it is to be noted that although Lynch drives a 1958 Cadillac, four-door sedan, white over pink, bearing 1965 California license plate number [redacted] he does not have a valid California drivers license, his license having been suspended by the State of California effective 8/5/63. Operator's license number [redacted] has not been surrendered or reinstated.

The Bureau desires that offices in whose territory he may appear be alert to advise the Bureau immediately, with a recommendation as to a reliable law enforcement agency which can be advised he is driving without a valid license and which can be relied upon to take appropriate action without revealing the Bureau's interest.

The Los Angeles Office is further instructed to be alert to immediately advise the Bureau and interested offices in the event Lynch's drivers license is reinstated by the State of California.

This information is being sent to the designated offices inasmuch as Lynch has visited these areas in the past, is scheduled to visit these areas or is likely to visit these areas.

NOTE:

See memorandum F.J. Baumgardner to Mr. W.C. Sullivan, same caption, dated 12/16/65, prepared by JVW:lmm.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W.C. Sullivan

DATE: 12/16/65

FROM : F.J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
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1 - Mr. Murphy
1 - Mr. Walsh

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(REVEREND CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH, AKA)

Attached herewith is an airtel regarding Lynch which is directed to Los Angeles with copies to numerous offices which have an interest in hate-type organizations.

Lynch is a rabble rouser and a leading national speaker for the National States Rights Party and other hate-type groups. He has advocated violence against minority groups and has been convicted of assault with a deadly weapon.

Lynch has allegedly threatened to kill FBI Agents if they molest his family. When interviewed by Agents he denied making such a statement but was hostile. He has been very successful in stirring up violence in the past and has referred to FBI Agents as "Nigger babysitters and "haters of all white men."

He was last known to reside in California although he roams all over the country. He drives an automobile bearing a 1965 California license plate, but he does not have a valid California drivers license, his license having been suspended by the State of California, effective 8/5/63. His license has not been surrendered or reinstated.

As a counterintelligence measure, in an effort to curtail his current country-wide travel, we desire that offices in whose territory he may appear be alert to advise the Bureau immediately, with a recommendation as to a reliable law enforcement agency which can be advised he is driving without a valid license, and which can be relied upon to take appropriate action without revealing the Bureau's interest. The Los Angeles Office is being further instructed to be alert to immediately advise the Bureau and interested offices in the event Lynch's drivers license is reinstated by the State of California.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached airtel be approved.

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Mr. W.C. Sullivan

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
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1 - Mr. Ryan

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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PURPOSE

Annual re-evaluation of the two Counterintelligence Programs and one intelligence operation currently supervised by the Counter-intelligence Unit of the Internal Security Section. 4

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Memorandum to Mr. W.C. Sullivan
Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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ORIGIN AND PURPOSE:

The Counterintelligence Program was instituted in August, 1956, for the primary purpose of causing disruption and disillusionment within the ranks of the Communist Party, USA. The Program attempts to create and develop factional splits and to increase animosity and factional activities within the Party. Where possible, an effort is made to cause expulsions and defections from the Party. Wherever a situation presents itself, the devious activities of the Party are publicized to expose its movements and to subject it to embarrassment and ridicule.4

The same techniques utilized against the Communist Party, USA, are used in connection with our program to disrupt and expose the activites of the Klan and hate organizations, which was initiated in September, 1964.4

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Frequently, and whenever circumstances warrant, field offices not actively participating are utilized for the benefit of the two programs and the intelligence operation. U

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Separate control files are maintained for each office participating in each of the two Counterintelligence Programs into which pertinent correspondence for counterintelligence techniques are placed. Where necessary, individual files are opened on counterintelligence operations. U

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL:

[redacted]

ADEQUACY AND CURRENTNESS OF INSTRUCTIONS:

[redacted]

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Selected examples of effective counterintelligence and intelligence actions realized during the past year are as follows:

1. The W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America, the principal communist endeavor directed at youth, has been thoroughly exposed through a nationally disseminated leaflet and pamphlet documenting its communist origin and control. Several DuBois Clubs headquarters have been closed, a leader is under suspicion and a Regional organizer has been demoted. U

2. Several techniques have been effected or are under development to compromise Party and Klan leaders. Some definite success has been achieved in that Party leaders have been reassigned or placed under suspicion and these efforts disrupt the Party organization. U

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5. Numerous anonymous mailings and techniques have been utilized to publicize and bring to the attention of communists the anti-Semitic policies practiced in the Soviet Union. We feel many defections of Jewish comrades have resulted from the techniques. U

6. Embarrassing publicity has been afforded to communist and hate organizations and their leaderships through national and local publicity arranged by cooperative news media sources. U

7. As a result of counterintelligence action many meeting places formerly used on a regular basis by the communists have been barred from their future use. U

8. We have ridiculed the Klan through anonymous mailings and publicity and in many instances exposed their activities resulting in their neutralization. U

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3/7/66

Airtel

1 - Mr. Herington

To: SACs,

Atlanta	Knoxville
Baltimore	Little Rock
Birmingham	Memphis
Charlotte	Miami
Cincinnati	Mobile
Cleveland	New Orleans
Columbia	Norfolk
Dallas	Richmond
Houston	San Antonio
Jackson	Savannah
Jacksonville	Tampa

From: Director, FBI

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

The Bureau is contemplating a program of mailing anonymous communications to individuals who have been identified as klansmen. Each office receiving this communication advise by return airtel the approximate total number of individuals within its division who have been identified as klansmen and for whom the office has a business or residence address.

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NOTE: Baumgardner to Sullivan memorandum dated 2/24/66 recommended and it was approved that postal cards be made up for mailing to known Klan members aimed at disrupting Klan activities and disillusioning members of the Klan. The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory is presently working on the proposed postal cards. The information requested is necessary to determine how many cards each office should receive to carry out this program.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. W.C. Sullivan

DATE: 3/18/66

FROM: F.J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Bates
1 - Mr. Rosack
2 - Mr. McGuire

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(MERGER OF AMERICAN NAZI PARTY
AND UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA)

The following item if furnished to a cooperative national news service or a syndicated columnist would serve to highlight recent defections from the United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, cause animosity between the American Nazi Party and the United Klans of America and possibly engender additional defections from the United Klans of America:

"The Klanzi Party

"Are Bob Shelton, United Klans of America, and Lincoln Rockwell, American Nazi Party, joining hands? Or will it be Rockwell and Shelton? Whatever, the wearing of the Sheets and the Swastika may soon be the uniform of the day. The Imperial Nazi, and the Klan Fuhrer seem to be upsetting that old gang. V5

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"Ralph E. Pryor, Jr., Grand Dragon of the Klan in Delaware announced his resignation from the Shelton gang when he discovered the close ties existing between the Klan and the American Nazi Party.

"The other day in the City of Brotherly Love, 4 MAR 29 1966 Eugene H. Tabbutt, Chief of the Klan Bureau of Investigation, who was personally appointed to ~~that~~ position by Shelton, publicly announced the Klan is working hand in hand with the American Nazi Party.

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Memorandum to Mr. W.C. Sullivan
Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
157-9-MAIN

"Did Shelton sign a Munich Pact with Rockwell? How long will it be before the storm troopers are goose stepping on those White Sheets?"

Robert Shelton is the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and Lincoln Rockwell is the head of the American Nazi Party.

The 1/21/66 Seven Star edition of "The Evening Sun," Baltimore, Maryland, contained an article written by Sheldon Smith covering the defection of Ralph E. Pryor, Jr., Grand Dragon, Delaware, from the United Klans of America, which defection was motivated by Pryor's disgust with the close ties existing between the Klan and the American Nazi Party. The 3/12/66 edition of the Philadelphia "Independent" contains an article by Harold Roberts which marks the beginning of a series in the Philadelphia "Independent" covering Klan revelations being made by Eugene H. Tabbutt who recently resigned as the Chief of the Klan Bureau of Investigation.

The proposed article, which is written in a light vein, if published in the Southern States, would certainly achieve the objectives outlined in the first paragraph of this memorandum.

ACTION:

That this memorandum be forwarded to the Crime Records Division so an effort may be made to publish the proposed article through cooperative news media sources.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. W.C. Sullivan

DATE: 3/10/66

FROM: F.J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Rosack
1 - Mr. Martin
1 - Mr. McGuire

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY)

Within the structure of numerous Ku Klux Klan organizations and other hate groups of the lunatic fringe are found factional disputes and, forecasts of such disputes which are of varying degrees of intensity and intelligence.

That we may capitalize on these fractures, diminish violence and lend support to our Informant Development Program, it is suggested that the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility be created.

This creation would provide a vehicle for attacking Klan policies and disputes from a low key, common sense and patriotic position.

These critiques would appear, as the need arises, in the form of a bulletin prepared by the Counterintelligence Unit, the Exhibits Section and the Mechanical Section.

The bulletin would be issued under the signature of Harmon Blennerhasset, an obscure figure in American history who gave financial support to Aaron Burr. To lend a vague reference to authenticity, the only address connected with the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility will be dateline Dayton. It is noted that there are 19 localities in the United States bearing the name Dayton.

An example of the first proposed bulletin is attached.

It is anticipated that 25 copies of the proposed bulletin could be mailed by each of the offices participating in this area of the Counterintelligence Program. The bulletin would be mailed to various Klan members and officials who may be involved in a Klan dispute, and/or who may be considered for an FBI interview in connectic with informant development.

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Memorandum to Mr. W.C. Sullivan
Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
157-9-MAIN

The belief is that well-organized bulletins, on the letterhead of the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility, will logically heighten Klan disputes, discredit leaders and hotheads in the various hate groups, and possibly enhance the development of certain subjects as informants.

Participating offices will be encouraged to furnish information suitable for publication in the aforementioned bulletin.

Bureau indices are negative regarding the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility be approved as an FBI instrument of counterintelligence.

2. That the attached bulletin be approved for preparation, and distribution to the offices participating in the Counter-intelligence Program as applies to Klan and hate group activities.

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THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
FOR DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY

Chapters

Alabama

Arkansas

Florida

Georgia

Louisiana

Mississippi

North Carolina

South Carolina

Tennessee

Texas

Virginia

My Fellow Americans,

Today we are again engaged in a great struggle in Vietnam, testing whether that nation, and our great country will survive the constant and insidious onslaught of communism.

Mindful of our brave men and women who have fallen thus far on foreign fronts in support of our military commitments, we must give of our full measure of devotion to insure that our noble dead have not died in vain.

The anti-Christ, the atheistic communist, the same communist who enslaves the Satellite nations, and now seeks to overrun our last line of defense in Asia, drains great support from the American scene when our domestic tranquility is turmoiled.

Transgressions of our domestic tranquility overtly grant aid and comfort to the enemy. The Soviet Communist, the Peking propagandist and the Viet Cong killer all derive great satisfaction from the communist inspired student riots in California, the draft card burnings, and other disruptionist activity.

Yet, how much greater their satisfaction, when, without the expenditure of one ruble, the communist conspiracy is effectively augmented by an unconscious agent, the Ku Klux Klan.

"QUIT THE KLAN; AND BACK OUR BOYS IN VIETNAM"

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The great tradition of our Southland, written in the pages of History with the sweat, heartbreak and blood of our southern sons, has been perverted by the self-seeking machinations of Bob Shelton, [redacted], Sam Bowers, and other Klan leaders. Like the communists, they have duped their members, misapplied funds, and brought chaos to their communities. By placing themselves above the law of the land through the invocation of the Fifth Amendment, these irresponsible Klan leaders have joined hands with communists who also always hide behind the Fifth Amendment.

Thus, the honest, God fearing Klan Folk seeking only fraternity and friendship through Klan membership are also forced into a profile of friendship with the Communist Party.

It is to you, the misled and betrayed Klan members, that I humbly address myself. In the name of God, and in the name of our fathers, husbands, and sons who have made the supreme sacrifice in defense of their country, take a firm position now. Discard your Klan robes, disavow your Klan leaders, replace the black oath with a simple prayer, seek out and support your duly elected representatives, take your personal and political positions to the ballot box, and let the domestic tranquility reign, forming a solid front of democracy for our National Effort.

Please join with me and other former Klansmen in the furtherance of the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility, so that our Nation may long endure.

Harmon Blennerhasset
Executive Director
National Committee for
Domestic Tranquility
Dateline Dayton

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 5010-106
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 2/24/66

FROM : W. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Ryan
1 - Mr. Herington

SUBJECT: PROPOSED POSTAL CARDS FOR MAILING TO KNOWN KLAN MEMBERS
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE - KLAN

We propose that a series of four-cent postal cards be prepared f anonymous mailing to known Klan members. Several suggestions in very rou form are attached.

Each of these postal cards will carry a cryptic message aimed a creating dissension, distrust, and lack of confidence in the Klan and its leaders. Typical messages would be along the following lines: "Which Klan leader is spending your money tonite?"; "Trying to hide your identity behin a sheet? You received this -- someone knows who you are."; "Look around a other members and ask yourself honestly, 'Are these the people in the community I really want to call my friends?'"; "Is your job safe even after everyone finds out you're a klansman?"

Our experience has indicated that klansmen are not intellectuals, that their activities are prompted by their emotions, and that a lengthy article, no matter how well written, fails to impress those who are member At the same time, we have seen several instances where the rank and file ha developed the belief that the Klan's leaders are living high and mighty of the dues being paid. We should, of course, exploit this suspicion as well as other weaknesses which might disillusion a portion of those who support the Klan.

The proposed messages are intentionally short and to the point. Perhaps the die-hard redneck will not be impressed, but possibly some of the members, particularly those in the more middle class occupations who give the Klan an aura of respectability, will be caused to doubt the validity of the Klan and the integrity of its leaders. Using postal cards of this nature would serve several purposes along the following lines:

(1) Since these messages are not in sealed envelopes, a number of persons could read them before delivery, thus exposing klansmen and removing one of the Klan's most potent weapons -- its veil of secrecy.

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(2) Widespread mailing would undoubtedly be reported to the leadership and since the source will not be identified, apprehension regarding the Klan's security could cause them a major problem.

(3) The wives and families of klansmen will probably feel uneasy about these messages and may influence members to disassociate themselves.

(4) Some of the messages could be sent to business addresses rather than residences further spreading the word as to Klan membership.

We propose that these cards be prepared in an amateurish manner, perhaps with use of a mimeograph rather than the multilith, which gives a more professional appearance. Each card could contain a drawing similar to the Klan emblem, copies of which are also enclosed.

The various offices having Klan investigations have names and addresses available of Klan members. We feel that the mailings should take place from the state in which the klansmen reside, but that arrangements should be made to drop cards in outlying mailboxes to avoid any possible connection with the Bureau. If a series of cards is approved, they could be sent over a period of several weeks.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That approval be given for the Document Section of the FBI Laboratory to prepare specimens along the lines of the proposed cards for use in the manner outlined.

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(2) If the foregoing is approved, a communication will be sent by this section to those offices handling Klan investigations to determine the total number of names and addresses they have in their records for the purpose of this mailing.

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Mr. W.C. Sullivan

3/2/66

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
2 - Mr. Ryan

F.J. Baumgardner

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

In connection with the administration of the above programs semiannual letters formerly were submitted to each participating office to alert them to the various techniques and special operations currently being effected. Memoranda were submitted as covers to the semiannual letters. It was decided last October, when we prepared the semiannual letters to the field, that it would be impractical for security reasons to include in one letter all the various sensitive techniques and operations underway.

As a streamlining procedure, in the future we will not prepare six-month letters for the field, together with cover memoranda, for each of the two programs. As has been our practice, we will continue to alert participating offices to new developments and possible techniques as they arise. We will justify both programs with a single memorandum which will be submitted on an annual basis.

This streamlining procedure will enable us to eliminate four unnecessary memoranda a year and 66 letters to the field. The savings in time will enable us to further intensify our counterintelligence efforts directed against communists, Klan and hate groups and their memberships.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

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FROM :

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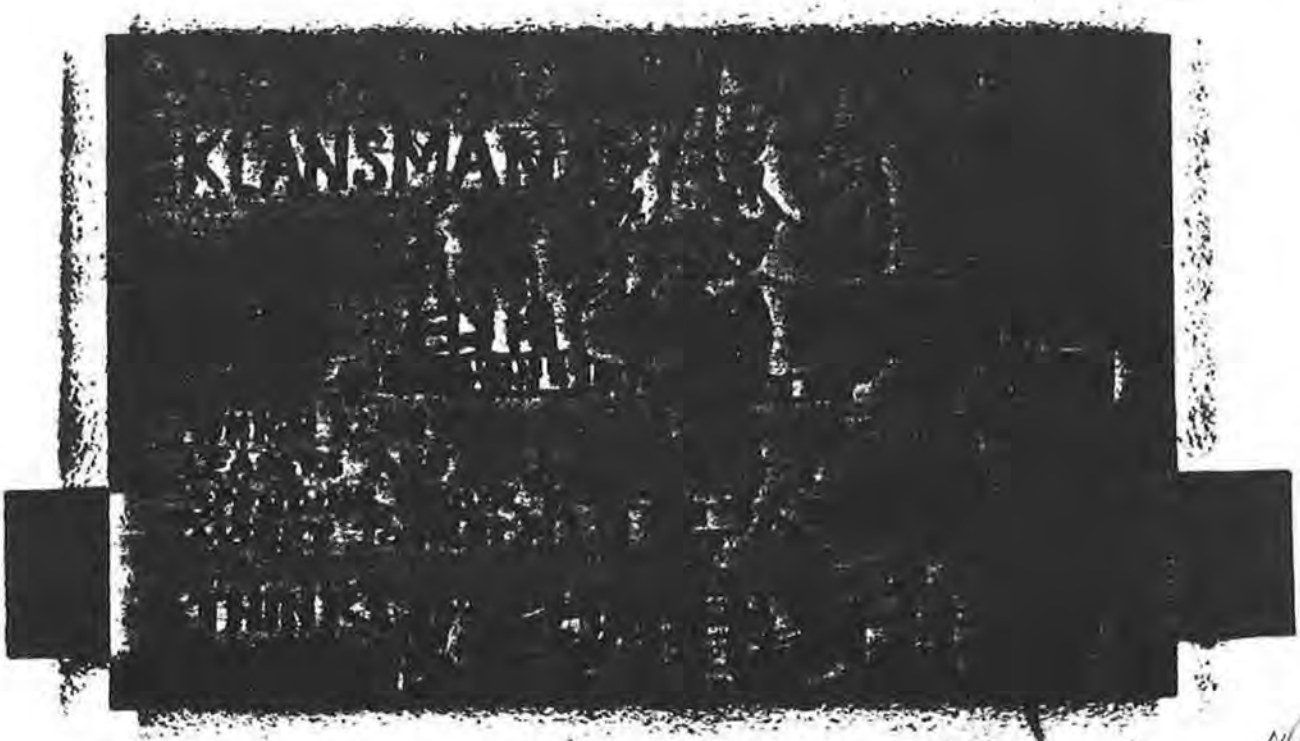
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SEE NOTE


INVISIBLE GOVT
SOMEONE IS PEEKING UNDER YOUR SHEET


KKK
KLANSMAN
TRYING TO HIDE YOUR IDENTITY BEHIND YOUR SHEET?
YOU RECEIVED THIS
SOMEONE KNOWS


KLANSMAN

157-9-26

SAC, Atlanta (157-826)

April 20, 1966

Director, FBI
(157-9-MAIN)

1 - Mr. Rosack
1 - Mail Room
1 - Mr. McGuire

COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY)

Enclosed for each recipient office to the exclusion of Baltimore, Chicago, and New York are twenty copies of a newsletter prepared under the letterhead of "The National Committee for Domestic Tranquility" (NCDT). One copy each of this newsletter is being furnished the Baltimore, Chicago, and New York Offices for informational purposes.

For your confidential information, the NCDT is a Bureau-inspired cover organization which provides a ready vehicle for attacking Klan policies and disputes from a low-key, common sense, and patriotic position.

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2 - Baltimore (157-865) (Enclosure)
2 - Birmingham (157-835) (Enclosures - 20)
2 - Charlotte (157-281) (Enclosures - 20)
2 - Chicago (157-382) (Enclosure)
2 - Columbia (157-151) (Enclosures - 20)
2 - Dallas (Enclosures - 20)
2 - Jackson (157-640) (Enclosures - 20)
2 - Jacksonville (157-863) (Enclosures - 20)
2 - Knoxville (157-301) (Enclosures - 20)
2 - Little Rock (157-291) (Enclosures - 20)
2 - Memphis (157-576) (Enclosures - 20)
2 - Miami (157-1114) (Enclosures - 20)
2 - Mobile (157-582) (Enclosures - 20)
2 - New Orleans (157-3826) (Enclosures - 20)
2 - New York (157-1259) (Enclosure)
2 - Norfolk (Enclosures - 20)
2 - Richmond (157-846) (Enclosures - 20)
2 - Savannah (157-639) (Enclosures - 20)
2 - Tampa (157-1559) (Enclosures - 20)

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Letter to SAC, Atlanta
RE: THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY

The NCDT was founded on the basis that it will provide an effective counterintelligence tool against Klan and other hate group activities.

Recipient offices, to the exclusion of Baltimore, Chicago, and New York are authorized to anonymously mail copies of this newsletter to Klan members who might be most receptive to the line expounded in the newsletter. The NCDT newsletter might prove to be most productive in the hands of those subjects who are considered for interview in connection with the informant development program.

The offices indicated should promptly handle the anonymous mailing of the NCDT newsletter, maintain a permanent record of the identities of the subjects who receive the newsletter, and keep the Bureau currently informed of any tangible results noted.

Interested offices must insure that the anonymous mailings are made on each occasion from the same city so as to create the illusion that a chapter of the NCDT exists in that city.

Insure that copies of the NCDT newsletter are mailed in commercially-purchased legal size envelopes.

In order to show growth to the NCDT, Baltimore, Chicago, and New York will appear as chapters in subsequent publications.

As the NCDT newsletter will be periodically prepared by the Bureau, recipient offices are encouraged to submit imaginative proposals regarding the subject matter for subsequent newsletters.

Insure the usual precautions are taken to protect FBI interests in this matter.

NOTE:

Re memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan 3/10/66 concerning the NCDT, the establishment of which was approved by the Director, FBI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/28/66

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (157-689)

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SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY)

OO - BUREAU

ReBulet to Atlanta, et al, 4/20/66.

The Dallas Office considers the establishment of the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility (NCDT) to be an excellent counterintelligence tool; however, the following suggestion is submitted for the Bureau's consideration:

ReBulet instructed that the NCDT newsletter be mailed anonymously and further that it was felt the newsletter might prove to be most productive in the hands of those subjects considered for interview in connection with the informant development program.

It would appear that in the event a recipient of this newsletter is impressed with its contents and desired to indicate some positive action, his first thought would be "How can I communicate with the NCDT." With this in mind, it would appear logical for each office handling the mailing of this newsletter be allowed to include by rubber stamp, or otherwise, a P. O. Box number in a particular city in its territory to permit responses from the subjects to whom the newsletters are mailed. It is believed that this could be accomplished and the Bureau's interests still protected provided the rental of the P. O. boxes was handled in an extremely discreet manner.

An additional question arises with respect to the possibility that other governmental intelligence agencies will likely make inquiry in the near future concerning the NCDT, and the Bureau is requested to advise what, if anything, can be furnished such intelligence agencies with respect to any inquiries or name checks received from them.

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Dallas is holding the mailing of the NCDT newsletter in abeyance pending Bureau advice concerning above suggestion.

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1 - Dallas
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SAC, Dallas (157-689)

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Director, FBI (~~157-0-12~~)

1 - Mr. Herington
1 - Mr. McGuire

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

ReDLlet 4-28-66 captioned as above.

You are in receipt of a prior communication regarding the establishment of the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility (NCDT), a Bureau-approved vehicle for attacking Klan policies, and disputes from a low-key, common sense, and patriotic position.

You should regard this development as a highly confidential counterintelligence technique. Information concerning the NCDT should not be set forth in the details of any communication prepared for dissemination.

2 - Atlanta	(157-826)	(Personal Attention)
2 - Baltimore	(157-865)	(Personal Attention)
2 - Birmingham	(157-835)	(Personal Attention)
2 - Charlotte	(157-281)	(Personal Attention)
2 - Chicago	(157-382)	(Personal Attention)
2 - Columbia	(157-151)	(Personal Attention)
2 - Jackson	(157-640)	(Personal Attention)
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2 - Little Rock	(157-291)	(Personal Attention)
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2 - Miami	(157-1114)	(Personal Attention)
2 - Mobile	(157-582)	(Personal Attention)
2 - New Orleans	(157-3826)	(Personal Attention)
2 - New York	(157-1259)	(Personal Attention)
2 - Norfolk		(Personal Attention)
2 - Richmond	(157-846)	(Personal Attention)
2 - Savannah	(157-639)	(Personal Attention)
2 - Tampa	(157-1559)	(Personal Attention)

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Letter to SAC, Dallas
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
157-9-12

In the event inquiries are made concerning the NCDT by interested intelligence agencies, you are not to divulge any information concerning the NCDT. Such inquiries should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

The Dallas Office has suggested that the NCDT utilize a post office box for the purpose of authenticity. The Bureau is directing the NCDT as a growth-type organization and will give consideration to the establishment of a post office box when such action is indicated.

You are instructed to follow closely the Klan reaction to NCDT correspondence through your established informant sources, and keep the Bureau currently informed of any tangible results noted.

The interest displayed in this matter by the Dallas Office is appreciated and all recipient offices are encouraged to submit proposals designed to perfect this counterintelligence activity.

NOTE: See Baumgardner to Sullivan memo 3-10-66 re NCDT approved by Director. Dallas suggested NCDT establish post office box and requested advice as to the handling of inquiries which may be made by interested intelligence agencies re NCDT.

The Bureau should be kept fully advised of all developments and unless a time factor absolutely precludes, an appropriate communication should be sent to the Bureau in advance with your recommendations for taking advantage of this situation. In the event a situation arises in which time is of the essence and which precludes furnishing a communication to the Bureau, you should contact the Bureau by telephone to outline the situation and make your recommendations.

NOTE:

See memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan dated 5/31/66 same caption, prepared by JH:jec.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 6/7/66

FROM: F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. McGuire
1 - Mr. Herington

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

My memorandum dated 5/31/66 set forth some of the positive results achieved in the "Postal Card Project." This Project involves the mailing anonymously of postal cards to known Klan members. The first card mailed by the field offices having Klan investigations during the past month has caused severe consternation among Klan leaders and has had a most disruptive effect. That card contained a caricature of a klansman with the caption "Klansman - Trying to hide your identity behind a sheet? You received this - Someone knows who you are!"

As indicated in my memorandum of 5/31/66, klansmen in Florida were considering reproducing this card exactly and sending it to non-Klan members to help remove the stigma placed on klansmen by receipt of the card. The Florida offices were given instructions by airtel dated 6/2/66 as to how they should take advantage of any effort to reproduce the card. We have subsequently received word that [redacted] is planning to duplicate 4,000 of these cards for mailing to non-Klan members, and that [redacted] is planning to reproduce 10,000 of the cards for the same purpose. This is further indication of the effectiveness of these cards.

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Another of the cards the offices were authorized to mail at a subsequent time attacks Klan leaders' use of Klan funds. It shows a klansman and a klanswoman in a bar and asks the question "Klansman - Which Klan leaders are spending your money tonight?" We do not feel that Klan leaders will want to reproduce this card since spreading this comment, even among nonklansmen, could not help but be detrimental to the Klan.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached airtel be forwarded to offices involved in this Project telling them to mail the second card immediately and also instructing them how to take advantage of any efforts on the part of the Klan to reproduce these cards.

As you will note upon receipt of the cards, they question the secrecy of the klansman's membership and also question the use by Klan leaders of Klan funds. The Bureau feels these are two points in which the Klan organizations are quite vulnerable.

Obviously, it would serve no purpose to send a card of this nature to the top Klan leaders who are publicly identified as such and who are themselves the ones who might be suspected of misusing Klan funds. Other Klan members have also been publicly identified and would have no fear of additional public disclosure.

Every precaution must be taken to insure that the source of these cards remains anonymous and that any possible connection with the FBI is avoided. You should insure that there is no widespread discussion of these cards among clerical or Agent personnel and that only a limited number of individuals necessary for their preparation and distribution are aware of this program. The cards should be prepared by your office by addressing them by hand or on an older typewriter which does not have the business style type. If prepared by typewriter, insure that no typewriter used for outside correspondence is used in preparing these addresses since the Klan may attempt to obtain specimens of Bureau correspondence for comparison purposes. Also, if addressed by hand, block printing or some other change in normal handwriting should be made to avoid any possibility of comparison with normal handwriting of Bureau employees. However, changes in handwriting should not be so extreme as to show an obvious effort to disguise.

A four-cent stamp should be affixed and no return address should be shown. The cards should be dropped in outlying mailboxes, but none should be mailed from headquarters city or from a Resident Agency city. The mailing should be spread over the period of a month for each card and only a small number should be mailed at one time or at one place. Every effort must be made to avoid giving the Post Office officials the impression of a mass mailing. If an office feels it is desirable to do so, a portion of the cards may be prepared and sent to a neighboring office for sporadic mailing from an entirely different territory.

To obtain maximum benefit, you should consider mailing the cards to the klansman's business address and in some instances also to his residence since the former will tend to publicly identify him as a klansman, and the latter may cause dissension in his family. You must be certain that this mailing is limited to those individuals who have been positively identified as Klan members. One card should be selected for mailing during each of the next three months. When the mailing of each card is completed, you should advise the Bureau under the above caption of the total number of cards mailed that month.

Informants are not to be advised regarding the mailing of these cards but you should be alert to any information volunteered by informants regarding the cards and advise of any positive results achieved.

NOTE:

See memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan dated 4/20/66, captioned "Proposed Postal Cards for Mailing to Known Klan Members," prepared by JH:jec.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 4/20/66

FROM: F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Ryan
1 - Mr. Herington

SUBJECT: PROPOSED POSTAL CARDS FOR MAILING TO KNOWN KLAN MEMBERS
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE - KLAN

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My memorandum dated 2/24/66 proposed, and the Director approved, the preparation of a series of postal cards for anonymous mailing to known Klan members as part of our program to create dissension, distrust, and lack of confidence in the Klan and its leaders. As outlined in my previous memorandum, short, cryptic notes are to be sent openly as postal cards and not in sealed envelopes since a number of persons would read them before delivery, thus exposing the klansman and removing one of the Klan's most potent weapons -- its veil of secrecy. It was also indicated that these cards would be mailed to the klansmen's residences to cause disruption in the family, but that some would be mailed to their business addresses, causing difficulty with employment.

Three of these postal cards are now ready for use and we have additional sketches which can be made up if more are needed in the future. Copies of the three cards are attached. Two attack the Klan's secrecy of membership, and the other infers that Klan leaders are using Klan money for high living. Both of these are sensitive points in the Klan and it is believed these cards will have a definite psychological effect on some Klan members.

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The attached airtel sets forth detailed instructions for the offices to mail these cards anonymously. The cards are to be mailed only to individuals positively identified as klansmen; one card should be mailed during each of of the next three months. The mailing will take place from a number of outlying mailing points and is to be spread out over a month's period to avoid the appearance of a mass mailing. It is noted that the various offices have furnished the number of positively identified klansmen whose addresses they have readily available. The total mailing would be less than 6,000 spread over 21 field divisions.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: PROPOSED POSTAL CARDS FOR
MAILING TO KNOWN KLAN MEMBERS

The purpose of these cards is to cause public identification of Klan members and spread dissension. If the cards serve their purpose, it is possible there will be considerable consternation among Klan members to attempt to identify the source of the cards. Some Klan members could even lose their jobs when their Klan membership is revealed. The field is being instructed to insure every precaution is taken to avoid connecting the cards with the FBI.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That attached airtel to all offices having extensive Klan membership in their territory be forwarded instructing them as to the manner in which these cards should be mailed to protect the Bureau.

(2) In the event the foregoing is approved, a supply of each of the three postal cards will be forwarded to the various offices under separate cover.



KLANSMAN

TRYING TO HIDE YOUR IDENTITY BEHIND YOUR SHEET?

YOU RECEIVED THIS — SOMEONE **KNOWS** WHO YOU ARE!

INVISIBLE GOVT



SOMEONE IS PEEKING UNDER YOUR SHEET

KLANSMAN



WHICH KLAN LEADERS ARE SPENDING YOUR MONEY TONIGHT?

THINK!

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. W.C. Sullivan

DATE: 4/20/66

FROM: F.J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Dunphy
1 - Mr. Martin
1 - Mr. McGuire

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(KLAN JOKE BOOK)

DELETED COPY SENT TO BUREAU

Attached herewith is the original of a joke book entitled "United Klowns of America, Inc., KKKK," which was originated and compiled by the Counterintelligence Unit for the purpose of ridiculing the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and its leader, Imperial Wizard Robert Marvin Shelton.

The joke book, although light in presentation, is a serious effort at counterintelligence.

That the United Klans of America, Inc., is most sensitive to ridicule, is an established fact.

Post Office Box 9183, Raleigh, North Carolina, as shown on page one of the joke book, is rented by [redacted]

It is considered that [redacted] will be embarrassed by and possibly blamed for the publication of this joke book.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That approval be granted for the reproduction of 100 copies of this joke book by the Exhibits Section. (Exhibits Section work order is attached.)

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2. That approval be granted for copies of this joke book to be anonymously distributed to selected Klan members so that they will have the opportunity to view their leader and organization from a different vantage point.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 4, 1966

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Dunphy
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Herington
1 - Mr. Martin
1 - Mr. McGuire

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY)

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The National Committee for Domestic Tranquility, an approved development of the Counterintelligence Unit, Internal Security Section, has been established as a vehicle for attacking Klan policy and disputes from a low-key, common sense, and patriotic position.

In view of recent developments in national Klan activities, the issuance of a special newsletter under the letterhead of the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility, is necessitated.

The attached special newsletter, with one enclosure each, will be prepared by the Exhibits Section on the already approved letterhead of the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility.

The substantive portion of the attached special newsletter is directed at the Grand Dragon of the United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, State of Virginia, and other nationally-known Klan leaders who are vociferously portraying law enforcement authorities as the Anti-Christ.

The simple enclosure to the special newsletter is a play on Klan membership cards. Klan membership cards contain the lettering AKIA, which means "A Klansman I Am." The enclosure to the newsletter contains the lettering AKIW, and within the diamond, ACIA, which respectively mean "A Klansman I Was, A Christian I Am."

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Memorandum from F. J. Baumgardner to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

It is believed that the anonymous distribution of the attached newsletter and enclosure may appeal to those Klansmen who are deeply mystic.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached newsletter with enclosure, and work order, be approved for preparation by the Exhibits Section, and for anonymous distribution to selected Klansmen by the offices participating in the Counterintelligence Program.

My fellow Americans,

"The recent response to the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility evidenced by the mass exodus of Klansmen from the United Klans of America in the great State of Virginia has revitalized our belief that present day Klan leaders are in general, in league with the Anti-Christ.

"The belief that the Anti-Christ seeks to destroy the Christian world was recently demonstrated by the Grand Dragon of the United Klans of America in Virginia, when he publicly attacked, insulted, and damned the Baptist Church which had introduced him to Christ. The public rejection of Christ by a leading Klan official demands sincere meditation and reflection.

"The Eternal Book of Life shall bear the inscription of the faithful who stood in the face of adversity and publicly pronounced their commitment to Christ.

"That we, the created, step back from the passing scene to make certain that our lives are directed towards eternal heavenly acceptance, is an urgent demand.

"The Good Book, in the Sermon on the Mount, and in other inspired passages, not only brings us the word of heavenly life for the deserving, but also, thricefold, warns us of the eternal damnation of the living Hell.

"Knowing full well that the conduct of our personal affairs will warrant us an eternal life, be it Heaven or be it Hell, is it not fitting that we, the faithful, urgently offer a commitment to Christ so as to avoid the damnable fire of Hell that will separate the fallen souls from the Almighty, and the blessed departed kinfolk for an eternity of years.

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"The decision is simple, the result -- the simplicity of eternal beauty or the complexity of despair. If your choice brings the despair, you shall not ask, "Oh Lord, why have you forsaken me" as you will then see, with blistering assurance, that it is you who have forsaken Him.

"We, former Klansmen all, who bear witness in the light of day, urgently beseech you to embrace our public commitment to Christ, and disavow the path of the Anti-Christ, delivered to you, the misdirected souls, on the sugary, forked tongues of deceitful Klan leaders.

"For you who seek Christ and reject the Klan, we have enclosed a membership card announcing your commitment to Christ.

"To join with us, merely display this card in your home which will demonstrate to those who are really concerned about you that "A Klansman I Was, A Christian I Am."

Harmon Blennerhasset
Executive Director
National Committee for
Domestic Tranquility
Dateline Dayton

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 5/31/66

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Herington

FROM: F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

My memorandum dated 4/20/66 was approved and authorized offices handling Klan investigations to anonymously mail postal cards to known Klan members. These cards were aimed at revealing to the klansmen that their affiliation with the Klan was known and also to question the use of Klan funds by Klan leaders. This project was instituted as a disruptive tactic.

We have received word from some of our offices that the first of these cards have been mailed and the results have been most impressive. The Cincinnati Office forwarded a clipping from the 5/24/66 edition of the "Cincinnati Enquirer" which revealed that a number of alleged klansmen had been receiving postal cards indicating that their identity as klansmen was known. An unidentified Klan leader is quoted as saying that these cards have been "very embarrassing" to many prominent businessmen and public officials who are secret sympathizers. He is quoted as stating that some postal authorities and neighbors of these people are getting juicy items for gossip.

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The Miami Office has advised that klansman [redacted] revealed at a Klan meeting that Klan members were receiving these cards and that Jacksonville klansman [redacted] had reproduced an exact replica in large numbers to be mailed anonymously to high state and Federal officials. At a meeting of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan in Orlando, Florida, a vote was taken to reprint similar cards and mail them to persons who are known to be unfavorable toward the Klan. The purpose of reproducing the cards and mailing them to non-Klan members is to confuse people concerning the actual number of klansmen and also to spark an official investigation to learn the identities of the originators of this mailing program.

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Miami has already instituted a discreet inquiry to determine if we can turn this development to our advantage by identifying these cards with Massey or other Klan members, leaving the inference that these individuals are responsible for the cards, thus causing further Klan disruption.

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached airtel be forwarded to Jacksonville, Miami, and Tampa, instructing them to pursue discreetly the reproduction of these cards and if feasible, place the blame on klansmen for the entire program.

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FBI

Date: 5/24/66

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-643)(P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
DISTRIBUTION OF HATE CARDS

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta 4/28/66.

Enclosed is a newspaper article which appeared in the "Cincinnati Enquirer," daily newspaper, 5/24/66.

The newspaper article is self-explanatory and clearly indicates the positive disruptive results which have taken place to date through following instructions concerning this program.

The Cincinnati Office feels the program has been highly effective and will continue to be just as effective in the future. To date approximately 100 cards have been mailed, with approximately another 50 to 75 currently being prepared for mailing during May, 1966.

[redacted] advised a number of Klan members have contacted him concerning the receipt of the post cards, and all are highly upset over their identities being disclosed to a number of individuals.

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Special Agent in Charge

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FD-350 (Rev. 1-17-57)

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'You Are Known Member Of Klan,' Ohio Cards Say

Ohio Ku Klux Klan members have been stunned in the past few days by a small pink postcard they have received in the mail, a Klan leader reported Monday.

The postcard has a caricature of a KKK member in his hood and robe and reads: "KLANSMAN: Trying to hide your identity behind your sheet? You received this—someone KNOWS who you are!"

The Klan leader, who asked not to be identified, said the card is going to many dues-paying members and "is very embarrassing to them. Many are prominent businessmen and public officials who are secret sympathizers."

He reasoned, "Someone has apparently gotten hold of our membership rolls. I suspect it is an inside job since there has been some dissention in the ranks since the recent hearings in Washington."

"IF THEY SEND cards to all members, several thousand persons will be involved," he said, "but so far they have just gone to local leaders and prominent businessmen."

Since it is a postcard, the Klan leader said, "some postal employees and neighbors of these people are getting some juicy items for gossip."

The postmark on most of the cards is New Concord (Muskingum County), Ohio.

William C. Duff, postmaster in New Concord, acknowledged "first seeing a half dozen or so of the cards last Friday." He said the cards were in a mailbox along US 40 and "we think someone passing through town dropped them off."

THE ENQUIRER has one of the cards postmarked May 13—also mailed from New Concord.

A spokesman for the Cincinnati office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation acknowledged hearing about the cards.

"We don't know who's behind it, but we have received complaints from people receiving them," he said. "Our information shows some of these people are allegedly Klansmen."

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(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

3 Cincinnati Enquirer
Cincinnati, Ohio

Cincinnati Post & Times Star
Cincinnati, Ohio

The Citizen Journal
Columbus, Ohio

Columbus Dispatch
Columbus, Ohio

Dayton Daily News
Dayton, Ohio

Journal Herald
Dayton, Ohio

Date: May 24, 1966
Edition: Final
Author:
Editor: Brady Black
Title:

Character:
or
Classification:
Submitting Office: Cincinnati

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As you will note upon receipt of the cards, they question the secrecy of the klansman's membership and also question the use by Klan leaders of Klan funds. The Bureau feels these are two points in which the Klan organizations are quite vulnerable.

Obviously, it would serve no purpose to send a card of this nature to the top Klan leaders who are publicly identified as such and who are themselves the ones who might be suspected of misusing Klan funds. Other Klan members have also been publicly identified and would have no fear of additional public disclosure.

Every precaution must be taken to insure that the source of these cards remains anonymous and that any possible connection with the FBI is avoided. You should insure that there is no widespread discussion of these cards among clerical or Agent personnel and that only a limited number of individuals necessary for their preparation and distribution are aware of this program. The cards should be prepared by your office by addressing them by hand or on an older typewriter which does not have the business style type. If prepared by typewriter, insure that no typewriter used for outside correspondence is used in preparing these addresses since the Klan may attempt to obtain specimens of Bureau correspondence for comparison purposes. Also, if addressed by hand, block printing or some other change in normal handwriting should be made to avoid any possibility of comparison with normal handwriting of Bureau employees. However, changes in handwriting should not be so extreme as to show an obvious effort to disguise.

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4/28/66

Airtel

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Ryan
1 - Mr. Heringto

PERSONAL

To: SACs, Atlanta, Baltimore, Birmingham, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Houston, Jackson, Jacksonville, Knoxville, Little Rock, Memphis, Miami, Mobile, New Orleans, Norfolk, Richmond, Savannah, Tampa

From: Director, FBI

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Remylet 3/7/66.

You are being forwarded under separate cover a supply of three different postal cards to be mailed by your office anonymously to a selected number of known Klan members. The supply of cards furnished is approximately equal to the number of individuals you indicated are present klansmen in your territory for whom you had a residence or business address.

The Bureau is not suggesting that these cards be sent to each of the klansmen whose addresses you have and it is being left to your discretion as to the extent of coverage you desire. In some areas where there are fewer klansmen, total coverage may be desirable. In other areas you may want to cover only a portion of the Klan members. The Bureau feels, however, that sufficient distribution should be made of the cards to insure that considerable Klan attention is drawn to them and that they will thus have the opportunity to serve the disruptive purpose for which they are intended.

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Memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That we continue to press our counterintelligence activity in the State of Florida in order to take advantage of dissension and disorder created.

(2) That the attached airtel requesting the Miami Office to closely follow this matter and submit appropriate follow-up recommendations be approved and forwarded to the Miami Office.

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Airtel

1 - Mr. J. E. Kelly, Jr.
1 - Mr. J. L. Martin
1 - Mr. McGuire

To: SACs, Richmond (157-846)
Atlanta (157-826)
Baltimore (157-865)
Birmingham (157-835)
Los Angeles
Mobile (157-582)

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BY LETTER 8-14-75
PER FOIA REQUEST

From: Director, FBI (157-9-42)

Subject: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(KLANZI PARTY)

ReRHairtel dated 10/28/66 captioned [redacted] aka; RM (ORGANIZATION)," no copies furnished other offices, and Atlanta Report dated 10/27/66 captioned [redacted]

We have a continuing program directed against the American Nazi Party (ANP) and the various Klan organizations throughout the United States. As certain Klan organizations and the ANP have evidenced some common interests, we created the impression that the Klan and the ANP might form the Klanzi Party. This was done for the purpose of ridicule and to provoke certain Klan leaders to an attack on the ANP.

Recently the California Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (CKKKK) and the Maryland Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (MKKKK) have indicated a growing interest in the ANP.

In 1965, counterintelligence activity was taken against [redacted] ANP. ReRHairtel reveals that [redacted] has resigned his position with the ANP and has reverted to his former homosexual activities.

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Airtel to SACs, Richmond
Atlanta
Baltimore
Birmingham
Los Angeles
Mobile

RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

ReATrep reveals that [redacted] Improved Order of the United States Klans (IOUSK) was arrested in DeKalb County, Georgia, [redacted] and charged with sodomy.

It appears that the activities of [redacted] and [redacted] might be exposed in a manner which would fully discredit the ANP, the IOUSK, and suggest that the other Klan organizations seeking to support the ANP are doing so because of their common interests in perversion.

Since the general public does not distinguish one Klan group from another and normally attributes white supremist activity to the Klan as represented by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), it is believed that the focusing of public attention on background of [redacted] and [redacted] might also be discrediting to the UKA.

Recipient offices are requested to give attention to this matter, and submit counterintelligence recommendations designed to capitalize on the weaknesses apparent in the ANP and the IOUSK.

Richmond and Atlanta respectively, advise the Bureau if the information relative to [redacted] and [redacted] may be utilized in a public exposure of same without jeopardizing sources.

Take no action in this matter other than that specifically requested without prior Bureau authority.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. D. Leach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: November 14, 1966

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Martin
1 - Mr. McGuire

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(KLAN TAX MATTERS)

BACKGROUND:

We have a continuing program designed to bring the United Klans of America, Inc., under the examination of local and state laws. It is believed, through the proper enforcement of local and state laws, organizations such as the United Klans of America, Inc., can be significantly retarded.

Our inquiry in this matter has determined that the United Klans of America, Inc., is required under the Virginia Retail Sales and Use Tax to register, collect, and remit the tax on retail sales of tangible personal property. The United Klans of America, Inc., has failed to comply with this law in the State of Virginia.

As you know, [redacted] United Klans of America, Inc., Realm of Virginia, directs a particularly vociferous Klan organization and has continued to viciously attack the FBI. On [redacted] orders, Klan rallies are held throughout the State of Virginia, and various items are sold at these rallies for profit, and no effort is expended by the Klan to render the Retail Sales and Use Tax to the State of Virginia.

In view of the fact that the United Klans of America, Inc., is clearly in violation of Virginia State Law, it is deemed necessary that this information be brought to the attention of Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Governor, Virginia.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

It is believed that Governor Godwin is the only individual in the State of Virginia who can insure that necessary action is taken to cause the United Klans of America, Inc., to comply with Virginia laws. If this effort is successful in Virginia, other states may begin to apply existing revenue laws to Klan and hate organizations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached airtel authorizing the SAC, Richmond, to contact Governor Godwin for the purpose of informing him that the United Klans of America, Inc., Virginia, are reportedly not conforming with Virginia State Tax Laws, be approved and forwarded to the Richmond and Norfolk Offices.

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Deegan
1 - Mr. McGuire

To: SACs, Tampa (157-1559) [redacted]
Miami (157-1114)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-[redacted]) [redacted]

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL RALLY)

HORIP

ReTPairtel 12/16/66, MMairtel 12/22/66, JKairtel 12/27/66, all captioned "Counterintelligence Program, Internal Security, Disruption of Hate Groups, (National Rally)," and TPairtels 12/15/66 and 12/30/66 captioned "Horip."

With respect to the proposals set forth in TPairtel 12/16/66, Tampa is authorized to take the following action in connection with the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), National Rally to be held 1/21-22/67 at Orlando, Florida:

1. Tampa is authorized to furnish [redacted] a copy of the article in the 12/7/66 issue of the "Fort Lauderdale News," which states that the Florida UKA Grand Dragon was arrested and that he mentioned a UKA National Rally would be held on 1/21-22/67 at Orlando, Florida. Suggest to [redacted] that he may desire to develop a newsworthy story indicating the UKA National Rally may detract from the Orlando, Florida, public image and affect the decision of interested parties to open an Air Force

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1 - Jacksonville (157-863)
1 - Jacksonville [redacted]

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Base and a Disney-type playland in the Orlando, Florida, area. Since the Air Force Base and the playland are topical items being reported by [redacted] he may be in a position to cause public officials to take action preventing the UKA National Rally.

Insure that [redacted] understands that the FBI interest can never be divulged in this matter and any story developed by him for television must be the product of his independent inquiries.

2. If you determine the UKA National Rally will be held on property in which the United Florida Ku Klux Klan (UFKKK) has a vested interest, and if the UFKKK expresses animosity over same, you are authorized to direct [redacted] in a manner which will further [redacted]

If such a resolution can be developed by UFKKK leadership, same should be sent to Robert Shelton by telegram prior to the National Rally.

Insure your direction of [redacted] and [redacted] in this matter, is adroitly handled with due regard to the security and future potential of those informants.

3. Until you have determined exactly what stand [redacted] and subsequent meeting, no effort should be made to render [redacted]

Airtel to SACs, Tampa and Miami
Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
HORIP
157-9-91
[redacted]

[redacted] then you should resubmit your proposal to disrupt the loud speaker system for Bureau approval as such action [redacted]

The Bureau agrees with Miami's recommendation not to direct [redacted] to move for the removal of the UKA Florida Grand Dragon at the National Rally meeting.

However, Miami is authorized to direct Miami informants in UKA Klaverns Numbers [redacted]

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Tampa and Miami insure that every effort is taken to protect the FBI interest in this operation to disrupt the National Rally and submit expeditiously any indicated follow-up recommendations, especially if National Rally site is changed.

NOTE:

UKA National Rally to be attended by Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton and Tampa, as well as Miami, recommends the authorized counterintelligence activity to disrupt same. A poor showing in Orlando, Florida, may encourage UKA Imperial Wizard to remove UKA Florida Grand Dragon. [redacted] has been cooperative with the Orlando, Florida, Resident Agency, and [redacted] Florida, an SAC contact. [redacted] has been openly anti-Klan in his editorials, and Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding [redacted] This matter has been coordinated with the Klan Unit which directs the Horip Program, a confidential operation designed to remove [redacted]

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE 10/5/66

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - C. D. DeLoach
1 - I. W. Conrad
1 - W. C. Sullivan
1 - W. D. Griffith
1 - F. J. Baumgardner
1 - J. F. McGuire

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT SHELTON)

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that we are considering several additional counterintelligence techniques to be utilized against Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), which are designed to cause disorder within his Klan organization.

BACKGROUND:

The Los Angeles Office has furnished the Bureau a letter dictated by Robert Shelton on official Klan stationary. The contents of the letter are not important; however, the letter reveals that Shelton utilizes a stamp bearing his signature in signing of communications, apparently in the interest of efficiency. The letter also contains the stenographic initials of Shelton's stenographer and an excellent representation of the kind of typewriter utilized by Shelton's stenographer.

In order to augment counterintelligence proposals under consideration, we would like to reproduce an exact replica of Shelton's signature stamp, and several exact copies of the letterhead type correspondence paper and envelope utilized by Shelton. In order to complete our need, it is also necessary to identify the typewriter used by Shelton's stenographer.

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OBJECTIVES:

We believe that the use of Shelton's correspondence paper and signature stamp will give us the facility to direct letters, on a highly selective basis, and over Shelton's signature, which will be designed to cause not only dissension within the leadership of the United Klans of America, Inc., but also in order to alienate other Klan groups not presently under Shelton's control.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be approved, and the attached letter and envelope by Shelton be forwarded to the Document Section in order that the previously-mentioned products may be reproduced, and the kind of typewriter utilized by Shelton identified.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 1/27/67

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. J. T. Kelly
1 - Mr. J. F. McGuire

FROM : C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
[redacted]

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to set forth a counterintelligence proposal designed to disrupt the National States Rights Party (NSRP), a well documented hate group.

BACKGROUND:

[redacted] is an old-time hatemonger, and currently employed as a [redacted] resided for many years at [redacted] In recent time, [redacted], to his present residence in [redacted]

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PROPOSAL:

Attached is a specially prepared letter purporting to be an "informant report" from [redacted] to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) in Dayton, Ohio. This report has been constructed from public source data, and knowledge of the Dayton, Ohio, locale.

Since [redacted] the "informant report" will be "inadvertently" placed in an envelope addressed to NSRP Headquarters, Dayton, Ohio, and mailed from [redacted] We hope to create the impression [redacted] did mismail his informant report.

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It is noted the Anti-Defamation League is associated with the B'nai B'rith and follows hate group activities on a day-to-day basis.

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We believe that this proposal will have a significant disruptive effect on the NSRP, [redacted] and NSRP officials mentioned in the report.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan from C. D. Brennan
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That authority be granted for the Counterintelligence Unit to prepare in crude typewritten form the attached "informant report," and send same to the Savannah Office for mailing.

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"ADL item #47

"Dear friend -

[redacted] - $630.00 per mo. net. & expens.
[redacted] - $450.00 per mo. legal fee.
[redacted] - $120.00 per mo. expens. - Knoxville
[redacted] - alabama attorney ? dont no.

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"across board nsrp $32,302.00 collected up to 8/66, but spent $40,203.00.
round figues breakdown 1/66-2/66 6,400.00; 3/66-5/66 $15,000.00; 6/66-6/66 $15,000.00.

"Biog. ans.as reg.------[redacted] is loyal and gets all pocket money at those rallys....big money can get dupes--give me more time----it was easier to move around dayton----i wil send my messages to the old bakery until youre man can meet me dowd here. they get me busy and its hard to do all the righting that i do. send by my new P.O. box 100 dollzrs by 30th.

"pete LX

"make sure the rst of my money goes to winters bank in dayton....once this job is done here is thru.

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RECAirtel
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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Sullivan

To: SACs, Atlanta, Baltimore, Birmingham, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Columbia, Cleveland, Dallas, Houston, Jackson, Jacksonville, Knoxville, Little Rock, Memphis, Miami, Mobile, New Orleans, Norfolk, Richmond, Savannah, Tampa

From: Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. McGuire
1 - Mr. Herington

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

ReCEairtel 5/31/66 and HOairtel dated 6/1/66.

The Bureau was previously advised that Florida klansmen were considering reproducing these postal cards and some nonklansmen in the Hattiesburg, Mississippi, area have already received duplicates of one of these postal cards. Most of the offices involved in this Project have sent as the first card the one with the comment "Klansman - trying to hide your identity behind your sheet? etc.," and this is the card that various klansmen are considering reproducing.

In the immediate future, offices involved in the Project should mail the card with the legend "Which Klan leaders are spending your money tonight?" It is not believed that Klan leaders will be nearly so desirous of spreading this comment any further than the original mailings since even if it were mailed to numerous non-Klan members, it would still have a disruptive effect.

The fact that some klansmen are considering reproducing the first postal card may offer an opportunity for further counterintelligence action since the informant

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coverage of your office may offer the opportunity to insure that local authorities arrest a klansman for a traffic violation or other minor infraction of law while in possession of a large number of such cards not yet mailed. You should be most alert for any such situation and immediately advise the Bureau together with your recommendations for taking advantage of any such developments. In this regard, you are reminded that prior Bureau authority is necessary and if a situation arises in which time is of the essence precluding a written communication to the Bureau, you should contact the Bureau by telephone prior to taking any action.

You are again cautioned that information concerning this Project must be kept to a minimum within your office and under no circumstances is any person outside the Bureau to be made aware of any Bureau connection with these cards. You should keep the Bureau advised of all developments and particularly with regard to the Klan reaction when the second card is mailed.

NOTE:

See memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan dated 6/7/66, same caption, prepared by JH:jec.

June 29, 1966

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Deegan
1 - Mr. McGuire

To: SACs, Savannah (157-639)
Atlanta (157-826)
Columbia (157-151)
Jacksonville (157-863)
New Orleans (157-3826)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-~~12~~)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY)

ReBulet 5/12/66 captioned as above and SVairtel 6/22/66 captioned "Associated Klans in America, Formerly Known as National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

ReSVairtel enclosed an LHM which, on page one, paragraph three, contains information regarding the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility (NCDT).

ReBulet 5/12/66 instructed all offices participating in the counterintelligence program that the NCDT is a Bureau-approved vehicle for attacking Klan policies and that information concerning the NCDT should not be set forth in the details of any communication prepared for dissemination.

Savannah immediately submit to the Bureau and interested offices an amended page one for the above-described LHM deleting paragraph three.

Personally follow the handling of the NCDT and be assured that Bureau instructions are complied with in each detail.

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Airtel to SACs, Savannah, Atlanta, Columbia,
Jacksonville and New Orleans
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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NOTE:

There are no indications that the Savannah LHM has been disseminated locally. This letter to serve as corrective action. The NCDT growth is followed closely and in the event Savannah repeats their misjudgment in dissemination of information regarding this operation further action will be considered.

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM: F. J. Baumgardner

DATE: 7/22/66

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Herington
1 - Mr. McGuire

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
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On 7/16/66 at a United Klans of America, Inc. rally held in Prince Edward County, Virginia, [redacted] announced to a substantial crowd that it is the present Klan policy to shoot FBI Agents who appear on the property of a Klansman. [redacted] statement, plus other expressed or implied threats against Bureau Agents by Klan leaders, should be counteracted by a forceful published statement exposing to the American people the current propensity for violence exhibited by the Klan, while also alerting the Klan to the danger to them of following such a policy.

Attached is a suggested press release which points out the propensity of the Klan for violence as indicated by the statements of [redacted] which we believe should be afforded widespread coverage through a reliable news media source, preferably one who has circulation in the Southern States. Publication of the statement may cause Klansmen to oppose the violent policies of their leadership or think twice before they abet such policies. It is noted Robert Marvin Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, has been attempting to publicly project a new Klan image suggesting his organization is nonviolent. If national attention is focused on the policy enunciated by his Virginia henchman, it is possible Shelton will take [redacted] or other leaders who have made similar statements to task.

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ACTION:

That this memorandum and the attached suggested statement be forwarded to the Crime Records Division for confidential release to a cooperative news media source for widespread publication preferably in the Southern

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Several weeks ago a so-called Grand Dragon of the infamous United Klans of America, Inc., appeared before a Klan rally in a southern state. He told the group assembled before him, which consisted of illiterate and prejudiced provincial southerners as well as a scattering of curious, that he had issued instructions to Klansmen to the effect that current Klan policy is to shoot FBI Agents who may appear on the property of a Klansman in connection with official business.

Agents of the FBI have been threatened before. At the beginning of World War II similar threats were made by the Nazi Bund. Today some of the more militant communists have indicated that they would endeavor to frustrate the FBI through violence. It is well known that Agents of the FBI risk their lives on a daily basis in performance of their official duties relative to crime, communism, espionage, and other Federal statutes. FBI Agents are trained to anticipate and meet every violent eventuality likely to occur during the course of their investigations.

The irresponsible statement made by the Grand Dragon is particularly dangerous as it could incite citizens to crime or violence, not only against Federal officers, but very likely to citizen bystanders. The policy outlined by the Klan leader is indicative of the hypocrisy of the United Klans of America in that the organization's Imperial Wizard has been attempting to give the Klan a nonviolent public image, while at the same time one of his most trusted henchmen is publicly encouraging a program of violence.

There is, of course, a Federal law dealing with assaulting a Federal officer, and this includes an FBI Agent. Even plans to carry out such assaults can be prosecuted under the Federal conspiracy statute. Naturally, FBI sources within the Klan -- and there are many -- are most alert to any indication that these or other Federal laws will be broken.

If Klansmen feel they can intimidate the FBI, they are not at all familiar with the record of the fearless men and women of this agency. If they are seriously considering attempting violence against FBI Agents, they are even more stupid then previously indicated.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 9/22/66

FROM: F. J. Baumgardner

1 - DeLoach
1 - Wick
1 - Sullivan
1 - Baumgardner
1 - Ryan
1 - Herington

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
CALIFORNIA KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

The Assistant Special Agent in Charge of our Los Angeles Office, Arnold C. Larson, called at 1:40 p.m., this date. He said that he had just received information that [redacted] the Ku Klux Klan, is scheduled to appear on the [redacted] television interview program Saturday night, 9/24/66. Larson said this presented a good opportunity for a specific counterintelligence move against the Klan and asks for authority to contact the executive producer of the show in connection with it.

Larson explained that state authorities have been anxious to obtain an injunction against this Klan group to prevent it from holding any more meetings. They have not been able to because they have been unable to prove that it is affiliated with a national Klan organization. It is, in fact, affiliated with James Venable's Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Larson said the [redacted] who is a very trusted contact of the Los Angeles Office. He said [redacted] which [redacted] asks the guests who appear on the show. They want to contact [redacted] today and have him phrase a question for [redacted] to ask as to whether or not [redacted] group is affiliated with Venable's group. In the meantime, Larson said the office will alert appropriate state officials to the fact the [redacted] is going to be on the show and if he answers yes to the question of national affiliation for his group, this will provide the state officials with the ammunition they need to obtain an injunction against [redacted] group.

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Larson said they could contact [redacted] with complete assurance that he would not disclose the FBI interest and said that even [redacted] himself would not be aware as to what prompted this specific question.

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In view of the time element involved and since Larson guaranteed this could be handled without disclosing any FBI interest, he was authorized to contact [redacted] for the purpose stated.

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RECOMMENDATION:

For your information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: September 21, 1966

1 - Mr. McGuire

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY)

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of tangible results being obtained in Louisiana against the United Klans of America, Inc., through counterintelligence.

BACKGROUND:

The National Committee for Domestic Tranquility is a Bureau-controlled fictitious organization with chapters in 19 states which is designed to attack Klan policies and disputes from a low-key, common-sense, and patriotic position.

The New Orleans Office was authorized to create the impression [redacted] We then directed a communication under the letterhead of the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility to [redacted] Our communication thanked Windham for his cooperation, and offered him a leadership position as representative of our organization in the 5th Congressional District, Louisiana.

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Memorandum F. J. Baumgardner to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

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The New Orleans Office advises that this counter-intelligence activity is causing a real split within the ranks of the United Klans of America, Inc., Louisiana.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached airtel be approved and forwarded to the New Orleans Office.

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FBI

Date: 9/20/66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UKA, INC., KKKK
OO: Birmingham

Re Bureau airtel, 9/2/66, and Birmingham airtel, 8/29/66.

In accordance with instructions set out in referenced Bureau airtel, Birmingham is herewith resubmitting the suggestion set forth in referenced communication dated 8/29/66, which reads as follows:

As is known to the Bureau, ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, Inc., has held this top position for several years. He is the controlling officer in the UKA and has almost completely controlled the plans, finances, and operations of the UKA, especially on the national level.

There are indications that SHELTON's manner of operating the UKA, its finances, and his stand concerning non-violence has antagonized many UKA members.

Birmingham proposes that the Bureau give consideration to authorizing [redacted]

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M _____
Special Agent in Charge

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b7D [redacted] that SHELTON may fear he will be ousted. It is felt that any such [redacted]

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SAC, Birmingham (157-835) 9/27/66

Director, FBI (157-9-40)

EX 106

1 - Mr. Martin
1 - Mr. McGuire

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL KLONVOCATION)

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PER FOIA REQUEST

ReBUairtels 8/29/66 and 9/20/66 and Buairtel 9/2/66.

For the information of other offices, Birmingham has suggested that we attempt to force the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), to consider holding a National Klonvocation.

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Birmingham sustains the belief that through [redacted]

There seems to be sufficient factionalism and state autonomy in the UKA national organization to logically develop the Birmingham proposal.

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2 - Baltimore (157-865)
2 - Charlotte (157-281)
2 - Cincinnati (157-643)
2 - Cleveland (157-513)
2 - Columbia (157-151)
2 - Dallas (157-689)
2 - Jackson (157-640)
2 - Jacksonville (157-863)
2 - Knoxville (157-301)
2 - Little Rock (157-291)
2 - Memphis (157-576)
2 - Miami (157-1114)
2 - Mobile (157-562)
2 - Newark
2 - New Orleans (157-2836)
2 - Norfolk (157-464)
2 - Philadelphia (157-1063)
2 - Richmond (157-846)
2 - Savannah (157-629)
2 - Tampa (157-1559)

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It is believed that within each state where the UKA operates, a "smear campaign" can be developed against Shelton which will begin with rumors and slowly grow in substantial strength until our objective is accomplished.

This proposal can be moved through informants, established news sources, anonymous communications, the Bureau-controlled fictitious anti-Klan organization, the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility, chain letters, cartoons, compromise of Klansmen and other means too numerous to mention.

Recipient offices are requested to consider this proposal and within 30 days submit recommendations designed to carry out the objective under consideration.

As we desire to coordinate this activity in several offices, take no action in this matter other than requested above without prior Bureau authority.

The Birmingham interest in this matter is appreciated.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: October 6, 1966

1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Dunphy
1 - Mr. McGuire

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
[redacted]

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of tangible results obtained in the State of Florida through a counterintelligence activity directed at [redacted]

BACKGROUND:

As you are aware, Bureau-authorized counterintelligence activity directed against [redacted] began in April of 1966. Through the controlled anonymous distribution of a Bureau-prepared cartoon and photograph depicting [redacted] as a former friend of Fidel Castro, we were able to substantially disturb [redacted] and cause the United Klans of America, Inc., to conduct an investigation concerning [redacted] former association with communist Castro.

As a result of this activity, effectively handled by the Miami Office, [redacted] formed the conclusion that members of Klavern Number 4, United Klans of America, Inc., Florida, were attempting to discredit him. The manufactured division between [redacted] and Klavern Number 4 came to a head at a recent meeting of Florida State officers, United Klans of America, Inc.

RESULTS:

The Miami Office has now advised that as a result of the counterintelligence activity mentioned above, [redacted] resigned from the United Klans of America, Inc. Miami has also advised that the Grand Dragon, State of Florida, has revoked the charter of Klavern Number 4, and several former members of that Klavern have refused to join another Klan unit, and consequently are no longer bona fide members of the United Klans of America, Inc.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan DATE: September 24, 1968

FROM : Mr. G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL MATTERS - DISRUPTION
OF HATE GROUPS, UNITED KLANS
OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED, KNIGHTS
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

PURPOSE:

To advise of the annual National Klonvokation of UKA to be held on October 5-6, 1968, at the Ramada Inn, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and to recommend that the Birmingham Office be given authority to mail an anonymous letter to the home office of the Ramada Inns in Phoenix, Arizona, alerting them to this affair.

BACKGROUND:

The United Klans of America, Incorporated, headed by Robert Shelton, is sponsoring its annual National Klonvokation in Tuscaloosa over the weekend of October 5-6, 1968. This affair will attract klansmen from all over the South. Shelton, through friends and acquaintances, has arranged to hold this convention at a new motel in Tuscaloosa called the Ramada Inn. All of the Klan's functions will be held at this motel, including a fund-raising affair for Shelton. Delegates to the convention will also stay there. These facts are not publicly known at this time.

The Ramada Inns, Incorporated, is a publicly owned chain of motels and hotels in the United States. Its home office is located in Phoenix, Arizona. During the recent Democratic National Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois, the Ramada Inns ran an advertisement in Chicago newspapers.

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1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan
1 - Mr. J. A. Marion

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This advertisement pledged support to the next President of the United States and called for an end of violence as well as "peace in the world." The support of the motel chain was pledged to "make America the greatest and happiest country in the world."

OBSERVATIONS:

Even though this motel chain is a franchised operation and the local motels are usually privately owned, nevertheless it is believed that the home office exerts considerable administrative control on the local operations, especially in the field of public relations. This organization will most probably be susceptible to adverse publicity from its stockholders.

It is believed that an anonymous letter mailed to the home office could easily lead to a last minute cancellation of the Klan affair, with resultant disruption to the Klan. If the anonymous communication is approved and no affirmative action is taken by Ramada Inns, an additional counterintelligence proposal calling for a news-leak will be submitted.

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached airtel to Birmingham authorizing and setting forth an anonymous letter, be approved and forwarded. The airtel calls for strict security in the preparation and mailing. The contents warn the Ramada Inns of the Klonvokation and ends with a plea to cancel this affair.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 12/17/68

FROM: G. C. Moore

1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. R. M. Horner
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan
1 - Mr. D. Ryan
1 - Mr. W. D. Neumann
1 - Mr. J. A. Marion

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM -
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
BLACK PANTHER PARTY
RACIAL MATTERS

This is to recommend that attached treatise entitled "The Black Klan" be approved and forwarded to the Crime Records Division for referral to appropriate news media representatives.

The attached treatise has been prepared in a narrative form for possible dissemination to friendly news media. The caption "The Black Klan" is descriptive of the contents and compares the white Ku Klux Klan with the Black Panther Party. It traces the history of violence perpetrated by the white Klan from 1961 to the present time. It promotes the theme that acts of violence were rewarded with prosecution by Federal and local officials and caused the present decline of the white Klan. The article compares the militancy of both groups and their penchant for weapons. It is pointed out that both the Black Panthers and the white Klan use uniformed guards to harass and frighten. The article points out that the one big difference between the two is the fact that the Black Panthers look to the communists for at least moral support while the white Klan looks to local citizenr

After comparing the two groups, the article ends with the thought that America does not need these types of groups and like the white Klan, the black Klan will disappear if the public is told the story of the violence and the extremism formulated by the black Klan.

ACTION:

REC'D 157-9-55 D. RYAN

That attached treatise be approved and forwarded to Crime Records Division for dissemination to appropriate friendly news media.

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"THE BLACK KLAN"

The Klan is on the rise again. Once more we are haunted by the specter of night riders, only this time the color of the skin beneath the sheets has been changed from white to black.

This story began to unfold in 1961, when America found itself in the throes of violence, hate and degradation at the hands of the white racist Ku Klux Klan. These modern day self-styled Robin Hoods continued to offend the long suffering American public for several years. During this time, stories of murder, assault, cross burning, and other acts of intimidation became common place. The names of Viola Liuzzo, Lemuel A. Penn, James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner were splashed across the Nation's headlines. The facts leading up to their deaths were soon to become known in every American household, only to be replaced by the names of other victims of hate-filled klansmen.

With secret membership limited to white Protestant Christians, the Klan has pushed its anti-Negro and anti-Jewish theme from the very beginning. A preoccupation with firearms permeates the organizations as Klan leaders urge members to arm themselves for the "inevitable" race war. Security guards brandish these weapons and patrol Klan rally sites in grotesque uniforms. The Klan urges the removal of many Federal officials and the change of various Federal institutions through the "political activity" of elected klansmen.

Slowly but surely public opinion hardened and then rebelled as Federal and local authorities prosecuted those responsible for these acts. As the full story of violence and degradation unfolded, it reached the ears of the rank and file klansmen. Hundreds left the Klan in disgust. Hundreds of others left when they realized that

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their ever increasing monetary contributions were dropping into a bottomless pit and the results never seen again. A large number of them left when they realized that fear, hate, and violence were not the answer and the Klan had nothing to offer but these attributes. It is now an accomplished fact that the white Klan exerts less and less influence and is no longer an effective force in the ever continuing battle to shape men's minds. Its image is now mirrored in a new force which ironically the white Klan has set out to crush.

In the latter part of 1966, the Black Panther Party was born and described as a militant black nationalist political organization formed to "eliminate police brutality," to "unite militant black youth," and to determine the "destiny of the black community."

Like the white Klan, the Black Panthers limit membership to those of its own race. It also has a penchant for weapons and urges its members to "keep your guns" for the time that "whitey" practices "genocide." The Panthers advocate the use of these guns and guerrilla tactics in their revolutionary program to end "the oppression of black people."

Like the white Klan, the Black Panthers also have their little toy soldiers who flagrantly march in the streets and on one occasion even invaded the California State Legislature carrying weapons to oppose gun legislation then being discussed by that body.

The one striking difference between the white Klan and the Black Panthers is the source of financial and moral support sought by each group. The white Klan looks to fellow white American racists for financial as well as moral support. This may be the cause of their ever diminishing influence as more and more of their fellow Americans reject this extremism. Black Panthers, on the

other hand, travel to Communist Cuba for at the very least, moral support. The Communist newspapers gleefully reproduce such Panther statements as "we will not be free until capitalism, imperialism, and colonialism have perished," and "our party follows and will continue to follow the example of Che Guevara, the Cuban people, the Vietnamese people, and our leader Huey P. Newton."

So, once again we listen to the haunting refrain of the Klan thrusting its repugnant image in our faces. But this time it is a "black Klan" that is emerging. Instead of "White Power" cries, we hear "Black Power, Kill Whitey" and "get rid of the pig." The untold millions of patient long-suffering Americans, both black and white, are once again the victims of this idiocy. The black Klan will be rejected by black America just as the white Klan was rejected by white America. To hasten this rejection, effective prosecution of violators of the law must be maintained, so that the people are afforded a true picture of these groups.

America does not need groups that engage in gun battles with police, burn crosses, or destroy buildings with bombs. America does not need groups that swear allegiance to guns or advocate guerrilla warfare. America does not need extremism in any shape or form. America is for the two hundred million decent citizens who obey the law, not for the few thousand who seek to emasculate our laws and destroy America. Our country will not be run by white or black extremists and in the foreseeable future, the black Klan will also disappear from our midst, leaving the same bad taste that the white Klan left.

- Mr. J.A. Marion

SAC, Jacksonville (157-863) 1-24-69

Director, FBI

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
BONIFAY, FLORIDA
RACIAL MATTERS
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re JKlet to the Bureau 1/6/69, and Birmingham letter to the Bureau 1/10/69.

Authority to mail the anonymous letter as recommended by Jacksonville in referenced Jacksonville letter, is not being granted at this time. [redacted] If so, it would follow that the interviewing Agents were the only persons to whom the remark was made. If an anonymous letter was sent to him, he could assume that it was a representative of this Bureau who had sent same.

Jacksonville should stay alert to the possibility of embarrassing [redacted] by other means.

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As part of a continuing Counterintelligence Program, Jacksonville recommended the mailing of an anonymous communication to [redacted] United Klans of America.

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Letter to SAC, Jacksonville
Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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BONIFAY, FLORIDA
RACIAL MATTERS
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

NOTE CONTINUED:

[redacted] Jacksonville has recommended the mailing of a letter from Birmingham, Alabama to [redacted] which would lead [redacted] to think that the national headquarters of the UKA was in fact, investigating him. We are turning this suggestion down as there is a possibility that [redacted] visitor and an anonymous letter could point the finger at the Bureau.

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TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 9/16/69

1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan
1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh
1 - Mr. J. A. Marion

FROM: G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF KLAN AND WHITE HATE GROUPS, UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., (UKA)
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

This is to advise of the excellent results achieved through counterintelligence in smashing the Klan effectiveness in North Carolina and to recommend that attached letter pointing out these results be approved and forwarded to the Attorney General for his information.

Several of the national and state UKA leaders are in jail serving one-year sentences on charges arising out of contempt of Congress. Temporary leaders were appointed to run the Klan. A continuing and ever increasing counterintelligence effort has been waged against the UKA in an effort to disrupt the group both nationally and in North Carolina which has the largest membership.

[redacted] By the use of selected racial informants, friendly press media and other logical counter-intelligence techniques, the Charlotte Office has been attempting to split the North Carolina Klan from the national Klan.

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[redacted] One hundred and fifty UKA membership cards were attached to a cross and burned, signifying a split in the Klan.

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One of the articles published by a friendly press contact contained an editorial cartoon prepared by [redacted] The cartoon shows a cross being burned in front of UKA headquarters. [redacted] has furnished the original cartoon to the Charlotte Office for forwarding to the Bureau with a request that it be presented to the Director.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF KLAN AND WHITE
HATE GROUPS, UNITED KLANS OF
AMERICA, INC., (UKA)
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

ACTION:

That attached letter to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorneys General of the Criminal Division, Internal Security Division and Civil Division, be approved and forwarded. This communication points out the recent success of the Bureau's investigations in the counterintelligence field.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/1/69

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-5818) P

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE
BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)

ReBulet 7/29/69, and SLlet 8/29/69.

For information of the Bureau, St. Louis County includes over 100 separate municipalities many of which have their own Police Department. It is not deemed advisable to check the jurisdiction of each municipality regarding anonymous publications and the mailing of same.

Accordingly, the St. Louis Division is withdrawing its recommendation for authorization for this particular Counterintelligence Program.

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6/10/70

1 - Mr. H. E. Helgeson
1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

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To: SACs, Charlotte (157-230)
Birmingham (105-722)

From: Director, FBI

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
RACIAL MATTERS

ReBHairtel and LHM dated 6/5/70, captioned "'The Fiery Cross,' United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), Racial Matters (Klan)."

Reairtel furnished, among other information in the succinct summary of material in the June, 1970, issue of the "The Fiery Cross" further data regarding UKA plans for the National Klonvokation to be held at Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina, June 27 - 28, 1970.

In order to take advantage of any opportunity which may present itself, Birmingham and Charlotte are requested to submit ideas for appropriate counterintelligence measures to be utilized during the Klonvokation.

Promptly submit the suggestions so that sufficient time exists for their possible approval by the Bureau prior to June 27, 1970.

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NOTE:

This requests counterintelligence suggestions by Birmingham, office of origin, and Charlotte, the office covering Salisbury, North Carolina, where the UKA Klonvokation will be held on June 27 - 28, 1970.

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TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 6/19/70

FROM: Mr. G. C. Moore

1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan
1 - Mr. H. E. Helgeson
1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
RACIAL MATTERS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA KLONVOKATION 6/27-28/70)

Attached for approval is an airtel to Birmingham and Charlotte which authorizes those Divisions to utilize counter-intelligence techniques to create confusion and disruption at National Klonvokation of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) which will be held at Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina, 6/27-28/70.

BACKGROUND:

Since the UKA was granted a corporate charter on 2/21/61 at Atlanta, Georgia, this organization has held five National Klonvokations in cities in Georgia and Alabama. A klonvokation was not held during 1969 as Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton was not released from prison until late in 1969. Consequently, this national meeting being held on 6/27-28/70 is known as the "1969" Klonvokation, and a 1970 Klonvokation is tentatively scheduled for September, 1970, at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

An estimated 400 Klan delegates from various sections of the U.S. will attend. Coverage will be afforded by several racial informants who have been authorized to attend.

We requested Birmingham (office of origin for the UKA investigation) and Charlotte to submit counterintelligence suggestions.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: Counterintelligence Program
Disruption of Hate Groups

OBSERVATIONS:

After consideration of the suggested counter-intelligence techniques, we feel the following would best achieve our purpose: (1) copies of official Klan announcements regarding the Klonvokation be mailed to each member of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College for the purpose of advising them that this facility is being used for a Klan function. These announcements will be followed up simultaneously with pretext phone calls in anticipation that the Trustees may deny the use of the college facilities to the Klan. (2) that reliable news sources be furnished information regarding the Klonvokation so articles publicizing same will appear in the North Carolina area a few days before the meeting begins; (3) that anonymous calls be made to cancel motel reservations of klansmen known to have previously made reservations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached airtel authorizing Birmingham and Charlotte to utilize the above counterintelligence techniques be approved.

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To: SACs, Birmingham (157-835)
Charlotte (157-281)

From: Director, FBI

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
RACIAL MATTERS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA KLONVOKATION 6/27-28/70)

ReBHairtel 6-12-70 and CEairtel 6-15-70.

Charlotte is authorized to utilize the following counterintelligence techniques to create confusion and a disruptive influence in connection with the Klonvokation.

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1. Copies of official Klan announcements regarding the Klonvokation be mailed to each member of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College for the purpose of advising them that this facility is being used for a Klan function. These announcements will be followed up simultaneously with pretext phone calls in anticipation that the Trustees may deny the use of the college facilities to the Klan.

2. That reliable news sources be furnished information regarding the Klonvokation so articles publicizing same will appear in the North Carolina area a few days before the meeting begins.

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3. That anonymous calls be made to cancel motel reservations of Klansmen known to have previously made reservations.

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Airtel to Birmingham
RE: Counterintelligence Program
Disruption of Hate Groups

Take usual precautions to insure none of the above counterintelligence measures can be traced to the Bureau. Advise Bureau of any positive results achieved.

NOTE:

See memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan from G. C. Moore, dated 6-22-70, captioned as above, prepared by JVW:bad/kks.

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Memorandum

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1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 7/20/70

FROM : G. C. Moore

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
RACIAL MATTERS

This is to recommend continuation of captioned program in view of the productive results achieved during the past year.

Background, Date of Inception, and Desired Objectives:

This program was initiated in September, 1964, for the purpose of exposing, disrupting and otherwise neutralizing the activities of white extremist organizations, their leaders and adherents. There are currently 17 field offices regularly participating in this program and as particular situations arise in other divisions, they also participate.

Postitive Results Achieved:

Highlights of accomplishments achieved through this program are as follows: [redacted] This has been effective in toning down Klan violence. Midwest coordinator of the National Socialist White People's Party, formerly known as the American Nazi Party, was expelled from that organization after publicity disclosed he was of Jewish descent. The above information was furnished under this program. Through manipulation of informants, anonymous letters and utilization of friendly press services we were successful in creating a split in the UKA in North Carolina. This split was brought about when a rally of dissident klansmen in September, 1969, dramatized their dissatisfaction with the UKA leadership by burning their Klan membership cards. This split was highlighted in front page news stories in North Carolina newspapers.

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Current Supervision and Justification for Continuance:

The Counterintelligence Program requires little additional manpower since these extremist groups are under continuous investigation. All counterintelligence proposals are submitted to the Bureau for approval. In view of the accomplishments set out above it is believed this program should be continued.

ACTION:

If approved this program will be reevaluated in July, 1971.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 1/24/67

FROM : C. D. Brennan

1 - Mr. C. D. Deloach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. J. P. Dunphy
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan
1 - Mr. J. F. McGuire

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY)

BACKGROUND:

The National Committee for Domestic Tranquility (NCDT), an approved counterintelligence development of the Internal Security Section, has been established as a vehicle for attacking Klan policy and disputes from a low-key, common-sense, and patriotic position. Post Office Box Number 124, Dayton, Ohio, Zip Code Number 54412, has been surreptitiously established as National Headquarters for the NCDT.

In view of recent developments in national Klan activities, the issuance of a special newsletter under the NCDT letterhead is necessitated. The attached special newsletter with one enclosure each, will be prepared by the Exhibits Section, and mailed to Klan units in various states recommended by major offices participating in Klan counter-intelligence. This entire mailing, which is limited in number, will be handled by the Cincinnati Office at Dayton, Ohio, with the assurance that same can be accomplished without FBI interest becoming known.

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The substantive position of the attached special newsletter announces the establishment of a NCDT regional office in Northport, Alabama, and encourages recipients to reexamine financial support being given to the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA). The attachment to this newsletter is a copy of a newspaper article which appeared in the home edition, November 1, 1966, of the "Clarion-Ledger," a newspaper of general circulation, Jackson, Mississippi. This

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article indicates that the Klan in Mississippi has been abolished, and the UKA Imperial Wizard is having difficulty in controlling the situation. Although the article is not quite true, it may demonstrate to klansmen in other states the UKA is in difficulty and not all that it should be.

It is believed that the distribution of the special newsletter, and attachment, should cause some disruption in the UKA, and realign the thinking of some current members.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached newsletter with enclosure and work order be approved for preparation by the Exhibits Section for distribution to selected Klan units by the Cincinnati Office.

"My fellow Americans,

"It is with considerable pride I announce to you the establishment of the first regional office of the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. While we are hastening to arrange for proper facilities in Tuscaloosa, your committee has accepted temporary private arrangements in Northport.

"Our executive board which recently met in South Hill, Virginia, arrived at the conclusion that regional offices are most necessary. The selection of Tuscaloosa as the site of our first regional office is prompted by the interest displayed in your committee by klansmen in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, and Florida. The proximity of Tuscaloosa to this great area of American interest was another decisive factor.

"It is also with pride that we can inform you of the appointment of Mr. John O. Diamond as the Tuscaloosa Regional Director. In the near future, Mr. Diamond will be on the scene to insure that the interests of your committee are fully protected against the wild and unwarranted machinations of the Tuscaloosa tulip whose greatest fear is that he may not be the wealthiest Imperial Wizard in the United States.

"That you fully understand the position of the NCDT is our only objective. We hold that it is most necessary for all Americans to fully support our national effort in Vietnam. We believe that this great effort requires the understanding and moral support of each and every God-fearing American. That our brave men cannot long endure without our wholehearted support and prayers is a self-evident truth.

"The only position we can take is a strong one, resolving that our attention to the great problems of the day is not diverted by those who seek to disturb our domestic tranquility.

"Examining this question closely, we find that those who seek to disturb the domestic tranquility are those who openly oppose our Vietnam effort or do nothing to support American interests. I do not think it necessary to tell you that most prominent among those who lend this opposition is the Communist Party. That group is operated on the old axiom, "Divide and Conquer," and pursues this objective on a daily basis.

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"Yet, we are not blind to the fact that Naziism and totalitarian ways are as unwanted in our great country as communism. We are firm in the position that in the ultimate analysis there is no difference existing between totalitarian philosophies and communism.

"The Imperial Wizard whom you have so blindly followed, spews a special kind of venom which has reduced the Klan to a totalitarian organization which well serves the interests of the communists. If you still listen to him without evaluating his words, you also may be duped into diverting the public interest from the great problems at hand which must be tended to.

"Your committee has been openly and viciously attacked by communists. Your committee has been openly and viciously attacked by the Imperial Wizard you call Shelton. What is his real name? Has he ever spoken one word urging you to support our brave sons? Has he ever urged you to keep your hard-earned money, rather than to support his selfish wants? No! Ask him why he does not send Christmas cards to our men in uniform. Ask him why he does not have one purple heart veteran among his lieutenants. Oh, yes, he had one, but has done everything in his power to drive him and his family into the poverty rolls of South Carolina. And while you ask him this, ask him also what has happened to the Klan Constitution which forbids immorality and restrains anyone from being a Klan leader who has been convicted of a major offense against this great Government of ours. Does not his contempt for our Congress fall in the same shameful slot as the contempt of Congress displayed for so many years by communists?

"These are the questions that have been answered by former klansmen in Mississippi who have quit the Klan to back our boys in Vietnam. Remember that there is no United Klans of America in Mississippi today as the Tuscaloosa tulip has gone too far. Read your newspapers and you will see.

"Shelton will not provoke us as he has provoked others. Your committee is growing in strength and Klan leaders who place God and country before Shelton and Shekles are among us.

"That Shelton has claimed I have died, that I am not Christian, is the same as saying that Freedom is dead. I assure you, I live the Christian life, and that his reports of my demise are grossley exaggerated.

"Our executive board will run your committee and will make known to you, as time goes on, how you may contact us. For the sake of those who remain in the Klan but are with us, we continue to use the same invisibility as Shelton has capitalized on, so that our committee can meet him on his terms. We reserve the right to bring these thoughts to you and to criticize the Imperial Wizard, as it is only in Russia, China, and the enslaved nations, that criticism will not be tolerated.

"Those of you who have been in touch with us should proceed carefully with the formation of NCDT units. Remember, we ask no money, but only urge you to bring your needs, wants, desires and hopes to your duly elected representatives who will, without the expenditure of one red copper, carry your voices into the state governments and the United States Congress. Do not be 'hoodwinked' further by the Imperial Wizard who is not welcomed by any statesman in our two party systems of constitutional government.

"Those of you who have not talked with anyone from the NCDT as yet, be strong of heart; you may join with us in spirit by firmly resolving to attend no more the meetings of the UKA.

"Christ did not say, 'Shelton is head of the Klan, as I am head of the Church,' but Christ did say, 'The husband is head of the house, as I am head of the Church.' This means you Klan fathers and husbands have your first obligation to your wives and children, not to Shelton. How empty your larder and heart must be when you face your loved ones to tell them you must send $15 here and $50 there in order to meet Shelton's demands. Take care, his god is green and mean, not the God of Charity you know.

"I have never met a klansman who did not love his country, but I have met those of Shelton's men who are strictly professional money men and organizers; those who have no real interest in our Southland. It is they whom you must divorce yourselves from.

"Remember, be calm of judgement; do not be stampeded by irresponsible rabblerousers, Black Powerites, or the Tuscaloosa tulip.

"It is better to be dead than Red; and it follows--Shelton never, America forever.

"Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Harmon Blennerhasset
Executive Director
National Committee for
Domestic Tranquility
Dateline Dayton

P. S. "I am enclosing an article from Mississippi which should be of interest to all.

"For those of you who have inquired of me, my third and last request to formally debate Shelton at any Klan rally of his choice has been refused by his office. This means that my public appearance with Shelton for February 15, 1967, is cancelled. I will not extend the offer again, as it is now most clear Shelton knows that truth is on the side of the NCDT."

McCOMB, Miss. (AP) --The United Klans of America has abolished its Mississippi Realm and declared offices and membership vacant, the McComb Enterprise-Journal said Monday in a story written by Charles Gordon.

The action was taken by Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., the newspaper said, because "of internal difficulties centered around the Mississippi Grand Dragon, E. L. (Bill) McDaniel of Natchez."

The report said Shelton was "obviously alarmed by the type of events in Mississippi" and declared offices vacant, meetings canceled and dues paid for not collectable by the state Realm.

However, the newspaper said, "it is 75 percent who may or may not know that Shelton has temporarily abolished the Mississippi Realm, continue to pay UKA dues, a sum approximately $12 to $15 a quarter."

And, the paper said, McDaniel has threatened to take what is left of his organization into the fold of the rival White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: June 9, 1967

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

FROM: C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise of recent developments in our counterintelligence program aimed at disrupting the Ku Klux Klan.

DETAILS:

The United Press International (UPI) carried a story date lined Salisbury, North Carolina, 6/8/67, reporting that the North Carolina Grand Dragon and the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., have been ousted by the Klan's super-secret National Intelligence Committee (NIC) as reported by the "Salisbury Post," a North Carolina newspaper.

The article about the ouster of these Klan leaders was carried in an exclusive front page report in the "Salisbury Post."

The "Washington Post" also carried an article, which is attached to this memorandum, reporting the same developments.

BACKGROUND:

The so-called super-secret NIC referred to in these articles is a fictitious organization originated and controlled by the Bureau in our continuing program to disrupt the Klan on a nationwide scale. The purpose behind this fictitious Committee is to circulate misleading information which will continue to neutralize and disrupt the Klan and discredit Klan leaders.

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The Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, Robert Shelton, and his North Carolina Grand Dragon, J. R. Jones, have not, of course, been ousted by any official act of the Klan but the widely-circulated reports of their ouster by the super-secret Committee will go far in adding to the dissension which already exists in Klan ranks.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
Re: Counterintelligence Program

The letter addressed to all Imperial Officers and Grand Dragons by the fictitious NIC not only ordered the dismissal of the Imperial Wizard and the Grand Dragon of North Carolina but also called for withholding the funds from the national Klan organization and to continue pressure on Klan leaders to account for Klan money, which they have allegedly been using for personal gain.

This latest development will no doubt create great consternation in Klan circles and we are following it closely and feel it will have far-reaching consequences.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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• Robert Shelton, the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc. and J. Robert Jones, the North Carolina KKK Grand Dragon, have both been ousted by the Klan's ultra secret National Intelligence Committee the Salisbury (N.C.) Post reported.

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Date 6/9/67

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/3/67

FROM : INSPECTOR JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN (157-640)

SUBJECT: CIVIL SUITS ARISING OUT OF
RACIAL VIOLENCE
RACIAL MATTERS

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

During the past week civil rights lawyers from Jackson, Mississippi, have been inquiring in the Natchez, Mississippi, area concerning the financial status of the accused murderers in the BEN CHESTER WHITE case which will be the subject of further murder trials during the Fall of 1967.

The purpose in the inquiry was to ascertain whether the accused subjects had any assets which would be subject to attachment to compensate the heirs.

It appears that in pursuit of assets which might derive to the heirs of a person such as BEN CHESTER WHITE, who has been the victim of a racially oriented murder, scope of inquiry might spread beyond the individuals immediately accused of the crime of murder to the organization which they represented, the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), and the accused murderers' community supporters. The ramifications of a theory such as this are extensive, but the import of the suggestion may be briefly defined in the following conditions:

First, The racial hostility which resulted in the WHITE murder is a product of hatreds generated and agitation stimulated by the activities of KKK and other segregation type groups. This is an induced product of the activity of these groups.

Secondly, support of the action of the murderers may be shown in the manner in which the defense of the

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accused has been supported. Contributions have been made by the klan itself and individual klansmen. The klan has spearheaded defense funds. The klan lawyer actually represents the defendants in these cases and is being paid as a result of funds raised by the KKK. The klansmen were in attendance at the first trial in this series on a regular basis. The defendants were lionized at klan rallies and klan functions.

Thirdly, justification for the murder appeared in the propagandizing done by the klan. Covert and directly slanderous attacks were made on the victim in justification for the murder.

These comments are as applicable to other cases such as the murder in the VIOLA LIUZZO case in the Mobile Division. The MIBURN and DABURN cases in the Jackson Division are probably other cases.

Beyond his mother, brother, father and son, not to mention his wife, a klansman dearly loves the dollar, and any time there is any probability of a financial pinch arising in klan type activities the organization immediately abates the nuisances it is creating. If civil responsibility could be charged even in established cases such as those described above, motives accelerating klan activity would be severely diminished.

It is suggested that the Counterintelligence Desk engage in discussions with the Department for the purpose of determining what could be done to implement a program of the type suggested here. It does appear that the Department could make public source data developed as a result of trials available to heirs of the victims of racial violence. The Department could also suggest to civil rights sources available to them that civil suits of the type suggested herein might have a beneficial effect in reducing the vehemence of radically segregationist organizations like the klan.

To study this matter in further detail would require an analysis of the individual cases which are rated as proper vehicles for possible civil action. The cases named above are merely suggestions. There are undoubtedly others when a review of Bureau files is considered further. Each case would have to stand on its own merits and the success would be dependent upon the enthusiasm of the lawyers who are prosecuting the civil claims.

If the Bureau considers it appropriate, offices involved in the individual cases might be authorized to suggest the possibility of civil suits against the klan and offenders to the victims of appropriate cases of racial violence.

Before attention is devoted to further developing this theme, it would appear desirable that the Bureau first agree that it is an appropriate area for a counterintelligence type operation, and thereafter single out selected cases for further consideration. Therefore, no further action will be taken pending Bureau analysis of this situation.

Inspector Joseph A. Sullivan 6/19/67
Jackson Division

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CIVIL SUITS ARISING OUT OF
RACIAL VIOLENCE
RACIAL MATTERS

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Reurlet 6/3/67.

Serious consideration has been given to your recommendation as set forth in your letter of 6/3/67 but the action you recommended is not being initiated.

Victims of racial violence perpetrated by the Klan or their survivors already have recourse to the courts which could satisfy any legitimate legal grievances they have and access to the public court records as to criminal action. While the survivors of victims of Klan violence would do well to initiate legal action, advice or participation by the Department could complicate criminal prosecutions or appeals, which could be embarrassing. It could be embarrassing to the Bureau if it became known that the Government was making available information in civil litigation where the Government was not a legitimate party in interest. The Bureau does not desire to solicit civil action in these cases or become involved in any action which could result in demands for our personnel to act as witnesses in civil cases.

Although your suggestion is appreciated, it is believed the risks outweigh any potential benefit to the Bureau.

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NOTE:

Inspector Joseph A. Sullivan, on special assignment in Natchez, Mississippi, submitted a suggestion recommending that the Bureau consider as a counterintelligence measure assisting victims of Klan terrorism in obtaining relief through civil suits against klansmen responsible for crimes such as murder.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Sullivan

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 9/22/67

1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan
1 - Mr. Ryan
1 - Mr. Marion

FROM : C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - DISRUPTION
OF HATE GROUPS (NATIONAL STATES
RIGHTS PARTY)
RACIAL MATTER (ORGANIZATION)

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PURPOSE:

To advise you of the results of disruptive action taken against the Broward County, Florida, chapters of the National States Rights Party (NSRP).

BACKGROUND:

As you are aware, we have on several occasions disseminated public source information concerning the NSRP, which is a notorious right-wing anti-Semitic hate group that has continuously attacked the Director and the Bureau through their hate publications. Our dissemination was made to [redacted] was organizing a 30-minute special television production on extremist groups in Florida.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

Miami has advised that the above-mentioned television production was telecasted on 9/17/67 and was entitled "Thunderbolt On The Right." It is noted that "The Thunderbolt" is the official publication of the NSRP. The program was shown from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and audience rating indicated that between 150,000 and 200,000 persons in the area from Palm Beach, Florida, to Key West, Florida, viewed this program. After the telecast, approximately twice the number of telephone calls usually received concerning a similar type program were received by the television station. All except a few of these calls were favorable.

[redacted] is conducting a survey on mail received. Based on the favorable reaction to this program, the television station is preparing a kinescope recording of the film for replay at a later date and for the purpose of making the film

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available to social and church groups for private showings.

Miami has also advised that a shocking impact on viewers of this show was had in view of various public remarks made by leaders of the NSRP including one remark by a NSRP leader who accused Adolph Hitler of being too moderate in his handling of the Jews.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: September 29, 1967

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh
1 - Mr. J. L. Martin

FROM : C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)

PURPOSE:

To recommend Mr. Bishop's office contact reliable news sources with information concerning proposed use of sodium pentothal and polygraph examinations on members of the Imperial Board of the United Klans of America, Inc.

BACKGROUND:

My memorandum of 9/6/67 set forth information concerning the National Klonvocation of the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), held at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, September 2 - 3, 1967. The purpose of the gathering was to elect a new slate of Imperial officers. Robert Shelton was re-elected Imperial Wizard. [redacted]

During the two-day Klonvocation and on subsequent occasions, Shelton made statements concerning his plans to use sodium pentothal (truth serum) and polygraph examinations on members of the Imperial Board in order to identify FBI informants. [redacted]

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In addition to Shelton's statements before numerous klansmen, now a subject of much discussion among klansmen, informants have reported that Shelton has also threatened to use the drug or the polygraph on any klansman who criticizes his administration of the Klan.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
Re: Counterintelligence Program

OBSERVATIONS:

We have an opportunity to discredit Shelton and to frustrate further attempts to use these techniques on Klan leaders or informants by the glare of publicity.

We propose furnishing reliable news sources with information concerning Shelton's plan to use drugs or a lie detector in the belief that the public exposure will deter considerably from any future enactment of these plans. It can be pointed out that Shelton is losing control of his subordinates and that he is attempting to maintain control of the Klan by threats against anyone who criticizes him or the Klan cronies who hold his favor.

We can also point out that the Klan, which expresses patriotism and democratic ideals, must resort to gestapo-like tactics to hold its members in line.

Attached is a suggested story with pertinent facts which may be of assistance to Mr. Bishop's office in furnishing this information to news contacts.

To have its greatest impact, this information should be made available to a news source or sources where it will reach Southern communities such as Atlanta, Georgia; Birmingham, Alabama; New Orleans, Louisiana; Jackson, Mississippi; and Richmond, Virginia

RECOMMENDATION:

That this information be provided to reliable news sources through Mr. Bishop's office in line with the above.

IMPERIAL WIZARD PLANS TO USE DRUGS AND LIE DETECTOR TO HOLD KLAN IN LINE

Reliable sources advise that Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., is having difficulty holding the Klan together. He recently threatened to use truth drugs and lie detector tests on his critics in an effort to maintain a firm hand on the Invisible Empire.

At the recent National Klonvocation of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, held at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, September 2 - 3, 1967, Shelton was re-elected for a three-year term as Imperial Wizard of the largest Klan organization in the United States. Also elected were ten members of the so-called Imperial Board.

The Klan, during its two-day convention, attempted to show strength and unity; however, beneath the surface, there was much rumbling and discontent.

Klansmen throughout the country have been critical of the Wizard and some of his cronies. To add to the criticism and dissension in Klan ranks, klansmen have been arrested for numerous acts of terrorism and violence. Most recently, 12 nightriders were arrested in North Carolina in connection with a series of terrorist activity in Rowan County and surrounding communities.

With these arrests, which Shelton believes tarnishes the Klan image (an image already somewhat sullied), and with the increasing criticism of his handling of Klan matters, Shelton proposed during the course of the Klonvocation giving lie detector examinations and sodium pentothal, a truth drug, to klansmen suspected of being informers and Klan members who openly criticize him.

The feeling in some circles is that Shelton, though re-elected without opposition, is having great difficulty in recruiting new Klan members and holding the old-time klansmen in line. It appears that the Klan, although claiming to support patriotism and democratic ideals, is resorting to gestapo tactics and techniques reminiscent of the rack and screw to hold itself together.

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Memorandum

1 - Mr. C. ... DeLoach
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: October 10, 1967

1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan
1 - Mr. J. A. Marion

FROM : G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(AMERICAN NAZI PARTY)

To advise you that based on information received from our racial informants, we have been able to achieve positive results from our continuing program of disruption of the American Nazi Party.

BACKGROUND:

The American Nazi Party (ANP) is a notorious right-wing, anti-Semitic, anti-Negro group based in Arlington, Virginia. It was founded by George Lincoln Rockwell, who was killed by an assassin in Arlington on August 25, 1967, and is now led by Matthias Koehl who was second in command under Rockwell.

Approximately two years ago, the Chicago, Illinois, chapter of the ANP purchased an old building located at 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, for their headquarters. The building was in complete disrepair and uninhabitable. In addition to "meeting rooms," this building contained two apartments on the second floor, which the "Nazis" hoped to remodel for their use. The full financial resources of the group were funneled into this project. Many repairs were made and many more planned. Untold man hours were spent by Nazi Party members in attempting to rehabilitate this building. After several months of work, they occupied the premises. During the course of these repairs, Chicago racial informants advised us that even though many repairs were made, it was for appearance and the building was still uninhabitable.

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Some time ago and after this group had expended considerable monies and effort, facts regarding the true condition of the building were given to the Cook County, Illinois, Board of Commissioners, without committing FBI

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interest. Based on these facts, legal action was initiated by Cook County. Great expense and time were expended by the Nazi Party in defending these actions and several arrests were made of ANP members for violations of the building code.

The Chicago Office has just advised us that the City of Chicago has successfully closed the ANP headquarters once and for all. ANP records and furniture are stored in various locations and as of now the members have no place to meet.

We will continue to vigorously pursue the matter of counterintelligence regarding this and other hate groups.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr Bishop

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: October 12, 1967

FROM: G. C. Moore

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. Marion

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - DISRUPTION
OF HATE GROUPS (UNITED KLANS
OF AMERICA, INC.)
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

To recommend additional disruptive action against the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), within the State of Florida.

BACKGROUND:

In the past several months we have disseminated various public source items to [redacted] Those items pertain to the National States Rights Party (NSRP) which is a notorious anti-Semitic, anti-Negro right-wing hate group which continuously attacks the Director and the Bureau through its publications. This counterintelligence project resulted in a 30-minute television special which turned into an "expose" of the NSRP which completely closed three Florida chapters of this group. [redacted] is now working on a follow-up show which will expose the UKA. We have already furnished him with some public source information concerning the UKA.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

Miami has requested permission to furnish [redacted] with public source data pertaining to arrests of UKA members in North Carolina and Virginia. A review of this information reveals it to be newspaper articles pertinent to an "expose" of the UKA and flattering to the FBI. No breach of security is involved in releasing this material.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - DISRUPTION
OF HATE GROUPS (UNITED KLANS
OF AMERICA, INC.)

RECOMMENDATION:

b7D That the attached airtel giving Miami authority to furnish [redacted] the public source information be approved and forwarded.

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1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan

TO: Mr. C. D. Brennan

DATE: 1/5/71

1 - Mr. A. W. Gray
1 - Mr. L. L. Anderson
1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

FROM: A. W. Gray

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

This recommends that Mr. Bishop's office furnish reliable news sources with information concerning the proposed use of polygraph examinations and sodium pentothal on members of the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA).

BACKGROUND:

You were previously advised that the 1970 National Klonvokation of the UKA was held at the Ramada Inn, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on November 28-29, 1970. At this Klonvokation, Robert M. Shelton was again elected Imperial Wizard to serve for three years. [redacted]

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Numerous racial informants who are Klan officials were in attendance at the Klonvokation and realize that Shelton is apparently sincere in his plans to test them. In addition, other Klan informants have been informed by Klan members of the proposed tests and are genuinely concerned about this possibility. This is now a subject of much discussion among klansmen.

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OBSERVATIONS:

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Memorandum to Mr. C. D. Brennan
Re: Counterintelligence Program
Internal Security
Disruption of Hate Groups
(United Klans of America, Inc.,
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan)

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Attached is a suggested story with pertinent facts which may be of assistance to Mr. Bishop's office in furnishing this information to news contacts. To have its greatest impact, this information should be made available to a national news source to insure it will reach southern communities such as Atlanta, Georgia; Birmingham, Alabama; New Orleans, Louisiana; Jackson, Mississippi; and Richmond, Virginia, as well as country-wide communities.

RECOMMENDATION:

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IMPERIAL WIZARD PLANS TO USE
LIE DETECTOR AND DRUGS TO HOLD KLAN IN LINE

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The Klan during its two-day convention attempted to show strength and unity; however, beneath the surface there was much grumbling and discontent.

Klansmen throughout the country have been critical of Shelton and some of his cronies. Shelton is apparently concerned about this criticism, and the fact that he feels this criticism tarnishes the Klan image (an image already somewhat sullied because of numerous acts of violence attributed to the Klan throughout the years). With the increasing criticism over his handling of Klan matters, Shelton advised during the course of the Klonvokation that he would give lie detector examinations and sodium pentothal, a truth drug, to klansmen suspected of being informers and Klan members who openly criticize him.

The feeling in some circles is that Shelton, though re-elected as Imperial Wizard, is having great difficulty in recruiting new Klan members and holding the old-time klansmen in line. It appears that the Klan, although claiming to support patriotism and democratic ideals, is resorting to gestapo tactics and techniques to hold itself together.

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
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NOTE:

See memorandum A. W. Gray to Mr. C. D. Brennan dated 1/5/71, captioned, "Counterintelligence Program; Internal Security; Disruption of Hate Groups (United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan), Racial Matters - Klan," prepared by JVW:kn.

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Director, FBI (157-9-101)

1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan
1 - Mr. R.L. Shackelford
1 - Mr. A.W. Gray
1 - Mr. L.L. Anderson

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE'S PARTY;
MINUTEMEN)
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Authority granted for reinterview of [redacted] along lines recommended in reairtel. Advise Bureau of results with appropriate recommendation for further action.

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See memo Gray to Brennan 3-4-71 captioned as above prepared by LLA:ljw.

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1 - Mr. Gray
1 - Mr. G.C. Moore
1 - Mr. Shackelford
1 - Mr. Wannall
1 - Mr. Ryan

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS (COINTELPROS)
INTERNAL SECURITY - RACIAL MATTERS

To afford additional security to our sensitive techniques and operations, it is recommended the COINTELPROS operated by the Domestic Intelligence Division be discontinued.

At the present time this Division operates seven COINTELPROS as follows:

COINTELPRO - Espionage
COINTELPRO - New Left
COINTELPRO - Disruption of White Hate Groups
COINTELPRO - Communist Party, USA
Counterintelligence and Special Operations
COINTELPRO - Black Extremists
Socialist Workers Party - Disruption Program

These programs involve a variety of sensitive intelligence techniques and disruptive activities which are afforded close supervision at the Seat of Government. They have been carefully supervised with all actions being afforded prior Bureau approval and an effort has been made to avoid engaging in harassment. Although successful over the years, it is felt they should now be discontinued for security reasons because of their sensitivity.

In exceptional instances where counterintelligence action is warranted, it will be considered on a highly selective individual basis with tight procedures to insure absolute security.

ACTION:

If approved, attached airtel will be sent to all field offices discontinuing our COINTELPROS.

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To: SAC, Albany PERSONAL ATTENTION

From: Director, FBI

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS (COINTELPROS)
INTERNAL SECURITY - RACIAL MATTERS

Effective immediately, all COINTELPROS operated by this Bureau are discontinued. These include:

COINTELPRO - Espionage
COINTELPRO - New Left
COINTELPRO - Disruption of White Hate Groups - GENERAL
COINTELPRO - Communist Party, USA
Counterintelligence and Special Operations
COINTELPRO - Black Extremists
Socialist Workers Party - Disruption Program

In exceptional instances where it is considered counterintelligence action is warranted, recommendations should be submitted to the Bureau under the individual case caption to which it pertains. These recommendations will be considered on an individual basis.

You are reminded prior Bureau authority is required before initiating any activity of a counterintelligence nature.

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